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OF THE

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

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OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

Moderator.

REV. CHARLES E. KNOX, D.D., - - - BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Stated Clerk.

REV. J. B. DAVIS, - - - - - HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

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REV. BENJAMIN S. EVERITT, - - - JAMESBURG, N. J.

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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Bridgeton, on Tuesday, October 19th, 1880, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., from the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, the 3d chapter and the 8th verse: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

After sermon, the Synod was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTER.

R. HAMILL NASSAU.

RULING ELDERS.

[None.]

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

ROBERT STREET,
JOHN F. PINGRY,
JOSEPH M. McNULTY,

EDWIN H. REINHART,
JOSEPH G. WILLIAMSON,
EVERARD KEMPSHALL, D.D.,

WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, D.D.,	ISAAC A. BLAUVELT,
JOHN A. LIGGETT (2),	JOHN JAY POMEROY,
JOHN EWING,	WILLIAM E. HONEYMAN,
JAMES G. MASON,	HUGH SMYTHE,
HENRY W. TELLER,	SAMUEL PARRY,
EDWARD C. RAY,	NORMAN W. CARY,
J. HALL McILVAINE,	WILLIAM J. HENDERSON,
C. E. CUNNINGHAM,	JAMES F. RIGGS,
DAVID STEVENSON.	Total, 23.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
JOHN L. K. WATERS.....	Bethlehem.
CLARK FAITOUTE.....	Connecticut Farms.
JAMES C. WOODRUFF.....	First, Elizabeth.
OGDEN WOODRUFF (2).....	Third, Elizabeth.
CHARLES L. ROE.....	Madison avenue, Elizabeth.
WILLIAM P. THOMPSON.....	Westminster, Elizabeth.
CORNELIUS VOORHEES.....	Metuchen.
W. E. WELLS.....	First, Rahway.
THOMAS R. WHITE.....	Roselle.
H. N. DEMEREST.....	Woodbridge.
Total, 10.	

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D.D.,	EDWARD W. FRENCH, D.D.,
ISRAEL W. HATHAWAY.	Total, 3.

RULING ELDERS.

NAME.	CHURCH.
ALEX. BONNELL.....	Bergen, First, Jersey City.
Total, 1.	

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

ISAAC TODD,	CHARLES F. WORRELL, D.D.,
RUFUS TAYLOR, D.D.,	GEORGE W. COTTRELL,
BENJAMIN T PHILLIPS,	SAMUEL MILLER, D.D.,

THADDEUS WILSON,	ALFRED H. DASHIELL, JR.,
JESSE B. DAVIS,	E. J. PIERCE,
JOSEPH G. SYMMES, D.D.,	FRANK CHANDLER,
DONALD McLAREN,	BENJ. S. EVERITT,
GEORGE SWAIN, D.D.,	HENRY R. HALL,
JOHN E. PETERS,	JAMES M. DENTON,
E. E. MORAN,	GEO. H. DUFFIELD,
J. A. LIVINGSTON SMITH.	Total, 21.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
JOHN ROBBINS.....	Allentown.
L. LeCHEVALIER.....	Asbury Park.
JACOB WILSON (2).....	Beverly.
GEORGE H. VOORHEES.....	Bordentown.
JAMES LATTA (2)	Burlington.
WALTER L. WRIGHT.....	Columbus.
E. O. HOWELL.....	First, Cranbury.
A. S. SICKLES.....	Englishtown.
J. BERGEN THOMPSON.....	First, Freehold.
J. V. D. BEEKMAN (2).....	Hightstown.
JULIUS FOSTER.....	Holmanville.
ALFRED W. DEY.....	Jamesburg.
D. B. STRONG.....	Matawan.
WM. BRUCE.....	Oceanic.
N. P. TODD.....	Whiting and Shamong.
THEODORE F. PRUDEN.....	Toms River.
	Total, 16.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS.

BURTIS C. MEGIE, D.D.,	ROBERT AIKMAN, D.D.,
NATHANIEL CONKLIN,	OLIVER CRANE, M.D.,
JAMES F. BREWSTER,	HENRY F. HICKOK,
ROBERT S. FEAGLES,	ELDRIDGE MIX, D.D. (3),
ALFRED YEOMANS, D.D.,	ALBERT ERDMAN,
DANIEL W. FOX,	WM. W. HOLLOWAY, JR.,
I. WILLIAMS COCHRANE,	JAMES A. FERGUSON,
JAMES M. HUNTING, JR.,	JOHN H. WORCESTER, JR.,
ALFRED V. C. JOHNSON,	PEARCE RODGERS,
WM. F. WHITAKER,	TITUS E. DAVIS,
SIMON J. McPHERSON,	JOHN J. CRANE.
	Total, 22.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
D. H. SMITH.....	Boonton.
WM. K. OSBORN (2).....	Chester.
JAY F. TREAT.....	Dover.
RICHARD PURDUE.....	East Orange.
PHILIP P. HOFFMAN.....	Fairmount.
JOSEPH KITCHELL, JR.....	Hanover.
JEREMIAH BAKER.....	Madison.
AARON DRAKE.....	First, Mendham.
HENRY DRAKE.....	Second, Mendham.
JAMES R. VOORHEES (2).....	First, Morristown.
FRED. G. BURNHAM.....	South Street, Morristown.
CALVIN D. PIERSON.....	Second, Orange.
MAURICE HANN.....	Pleasant Grove.
JOHN OGDEN (2).....	Parsippany.
JAMES H. BRUEN.....	Rockaway.
A. B. BROWN.....	South Orange.
Total, 16.	

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

JONATHAN F. STEARNS, D.D.,	JAMES P. WILSON, D.D.,
JOSEPH FEWSMITH, D.D. (3),	WM. T. FINDLEY, D.D.,
ELIJAH R. CRAVEN, D.D.,	PRENTICE DEVEUVE (2),
WILLIAM W. MCNAIR (2),	ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD,
CHARLES E. KNOX, D.D.,	GEORGE C. POLLOCK,
MARTIN F. HOLLISTER,	JOHN L. WELLS,
JAMES M. BARKLEY.	Total, 13.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WM. J. HUTCHINSON.....	Montclair.
S. H. PENNINGTON	First, Newark.
R. S. GRUMMON.....	Third, Newark.
JOB HAINES.....	Sixth, Newark.
E. A. SMITH.....	Central, Newark.
Total, 5.	

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

HUGH HAMILL, D.D.,	GEORGE HALE, D.D. (2),
GEORGE SHELDON, D.D.,	JOHN S. FOULKE,
NATHAN S. ALLER,	ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,
SAMUEL M. HAMILL, D.D. (2),	GEORGE S. MOTT, D.D.,
HORACE G. HINSDALE,	AMZI L. ARMSTRONG,
SAMUEL T. LOWRIE, D.D.,	SAMUEL M. STUDDIFORD,
JOHN S. BEEKMAN,	J. DAVISON RANDOLPH (2),
DANIEL R. FOSTER,	LEWIS W. MUDGE,
WM. D. ROBESON,	J. P. W. BLATTENBERGER,
CHARLES H. ASAY,	WM. L. CUNNINGHAM,
SAMUEL J. ROWLAND,	CHARLES S. CONVERSE.

Total, 22.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
JOSEPH H. GROVER....	Dutch Neck.
WM. P. EMERY.....	Flemington.
DAVID LEE.....	Hamilton Square.
ASHBEL WELSH.....	Lambertville.
FRANKLIN DEY.....	Lawrenceville.
HENRY B. PERRINE.....	Pennington.
GEORGE M. MACLEAN, M.D.....	First, Princeton.
FREDERICK VINTON.....	Second, Princeton.
G. W. RUNK.....	Stockton.
BENJ. EWAN.....	Third, Trenton.
DAVID WARMAN, M.D.....	Fifth, Trenton.
W. D. VAN PELT.....	First, Hopewell.

Total, 12.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

WILLIAM THOMSON,	ROBERT J. BURTT (2),
ALEXANDER PROUDFIT,	HENRY B. TOWNSEND,
E. CLARK CLINE,	DANIEL DERUELLE,
THOMAS S. LONG (2),	JOHN F. SHAW,
JOHN C. CLYDE,	JOHN F. POLLOCK,

GEORGE W. TOMSON.

Total, 11

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WILLIAM H. MORROW.....	Second, Belvidere.
ROBERT S. KELLY.....	Greenwich.
JOHN WHITE.....	Hackettstown.
DAVID B. LOWE.....	Knowlton.
WM. P. COURSAN.....	Newton.
J. K. STEVENS.....	Phillipsburg.
JOHN W. CLINE.....	Stewartsville.
Total, 7.	

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

VILLEROY D. REED, D.D. (2),	FRANKLIN D. HARRIS,
JOHN O. WELLS,	ALLEN H. BROWN,
WILLIAM BANNARD, D.D. (2),	HENRY REEVES,
HENRY E. THOMAS (2),	EDWARD P. SHIELDS,
LEWIS C. BAKER,	J. ALLEN MAXWELL,
FREDERICK R. BRACE,	CHARLES T. McMILLAN,
WILLIAM A. FERGUSON,	GEORGE L. SMITH,
HEBER H. BEADLE,	SAMUEL R. ANDERSON,
LEONIDAS E. COYLE,	JAMES DELL. BRUEN (2),
CHRISTIAN W. WINNIE,	OLIVER B. McCURDY,
JOHN H. O'BRIEN (2),	HENRY L. MAYERS (2),
EDWARD DILLON,	WM. H. JOHNS (2).
Total, 24.	

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
THEODORE F. WORTS.....	Atlantic City.
RICH. B. STEVENSON	Blackwoodtown.
JOSEPH REEVES.....	First, Bridgeton.
JOEL FITHIAN.....	Second, Bridgeton.
WM. ELMER, M.D.....	West, Bridgeton.
J. H. YOCUM.....	First, Camden.
B. O. TITUS (2).....	Second, Camden.
J. STRATTON WARE.....	Cape Island.
JASPER BATEMAN.....	First, Cedarville.
P. R. BURT (2).....	Clayton.
ABRAM REEVES (2)	Cold Spring.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
AARON PADGETT.	Deerfield.
C. S. ANDERSON.....	Elmer.
THEOPHILUS TOMLINSON (2).....	Fairfield.
SMITH SHEPHERD (2).....	Greenwich.
Z. V. MATTHEWS.....	Hammononton.
D. IZZARD (2).....	Mays Landing.
EBENEZER HARRIS.....	Pittsgrove.
BENJ. R. KELTY (2).....	Salem.
JOSEPH C. SHEPHERD (2).....	Tuckahoe.
D. SPENCER.....	Vineland.
ISAAC STEVENSON (2).....	Wenonah.
JOHN S. JESSUP.....	Woodbury.
J. R. ALTERMAN.....	Woodstown.
Total, 24.	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

REV. R. H. ALLEN, D.D.,	Synod of Philadelphia.
“ D. W. POOR, D.D.,	“ “
“ J. C. LOWRIE, D. D.,	“ New York.
“ NARAYAN SHESHADRI,	of the Free Presbytery of Bombay, India.

OF THE WEST JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

REV. B. F. BASTEN,	REV. E. B. PALMER,	REV. S. C. DARE.
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OF THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH.

REV. J. B. GRAW, D.D.,	REV. JOSEPH ATWOOD,	REV. WM. WALTON,
REV. L. LARUE,	REV. A. E. BALLARD,	REV. J. L. DOBBINS,
	REV. D. H. SHOCK.	
Total, 14.		

SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	140
Ruling Elders.....	91
Corresponding Members.....	14
Total.....	245

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., of the Presbytery of Newark, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. E. Clarke Cline was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending—

1st. That the sessions be held from 9 until 12, from 2 until 5:30, and from 7:30 until such time as Synod chooses to adjourn for the day.

2d. That the first half-hour of each morning's session be spent in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

3d. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated on Wednesday, at 2 P. M., the Moderator to preside; the first distribution to be made by the Rev. Dr. C. K. Imbrie, assisted by Elders Levi P. Stone, Aaron B. Brown, E. F. Dorrance and John S. Jessup, and the second distribution to be made by the Rev. Dr. Robert Aikman, assisted by Elders J. Reeve Sayre, Thomas H. Morris, Jr., James Vanderbeek and George M. McLean, M.D.

4th. That, in accordance with the standing rule of Synod, Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30, and the whole of the evening session, be devoted to Benevolence and Church Work, to be treated in the following order:

I. Systematic Beneficence—The report of the Committee on Beneficence to be made by the Rev. I. W. Cochran.

II. Education—To be opened by the Rev. Frank Chandler.

III. Freedmen—The subject to be generally discussed.

IV. Foreign Missions—Addresses by the Rev. Dr. John C. Lowrie and the Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of India.

V. Home Missions—Address by the Rev. Dr. William C. Roberts.

VI. That opportunity be given for voluntary speeches, limited to five minutes, on each of the above topics.

VII. That the Rev. Dr. R. H. Allen be afforded an opportunity, on Wednesday morning, to speak, for fifteen minutes, in relation to the Freedmen.

VIII. That the Rev. W. E. Honeyman be heard, for fifteen minutes, at the convenience of Synod, on the Chinese question.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 20th, 1880.

Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator, viz.:

I. Bills and Overtures—Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D.D., Rev. Albert Erdman, Rev. Alexander Proudfit, Elders James C. Woodruff, Jeremiah Baker, Robert S. Grummon.

II. Judicial Committee—Rev. Burtis C. Megie, D.D., Rev. Edward W. French, D.D., Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, D.D., Elders S. H. Pennington, M.D., Ashbel Welsh, Frederick G. Burnham, Esq.

III. On the Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., Rev. J. Hall McIlvaine, Elder E. P. Nichols, M.D.

IV. On the Narrative for 1881—Rev. Henry F. Hickok, Rev. Edward C. Ray, Elder W. J. Hutchinson.

V. On Finance—Elders E. A. Smith, William Elmer, M.D.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Corisco—Rev. James P. Wilson, D.D., Rev. James G. Moore, Elder Clarke Faitoute.

Elizabeth—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Heber H. Beadle, Elder Philip H. Hoffman.

Jersey City—Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., Rev. A. H. Dashiell, Jr., Elder Jasper Bateman.

Monmouth—Rev. John H. Worcester, Jr., Rev. William Thomson, Elder Job Haines.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, Elder William P. Coursan.

Newark—Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, Elder Franklin Dey.

New Brunswick—Rev. Frederick R. Brace, Rev. I. Williams Cochrane, Elder J. Bergen Thompson.

Newton—Rev. Horace G. Hinsdale, Rev. George C. Pollock, Elder E. O. Howell.

West Jersey—Rev. George Swain, D.D., Rev. James T. Riggs, Elder John White.

The Stated Clerk presented certain papers, purporting to be the complaint of the Rev. William Schorsch against the action of the Presbytery of Corisco.

These papers were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The committee was authorized to employ a Synodical Missionary for the coming year.

Rev. J. L. Dobbins, Rev. D. H. Shock, Rev. J. B. Graw, D.D., Rev. Joseph Atwood, Rev. William Walton, Rev. L. LeRue, Rev. A. E. Ballard, of the New Jersey Conference of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Robert H. Allen, D.D., of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

A joint communication from the Presbyteries of Jersey City and Newark was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. Another paper was presented from the Presbytery of Jersey City, and was referred to the same committee.

Rev. R. H. Allen, D.D., was heard in behalf of the Assembly's Committee for Freedmen.

The Committee on the German Theological Seminary presented a verbal report, which was accepted.

An itemized bill of expense incurred by the committee appointed to defend the action of Synod in the General Assembly, in the case of the appeal and complaint of the Rev. J. S. Van Dyke, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The standing Committee on Place of Meeting made a report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Reduction and Entertainment of Synod.

STANDING RULES.

The committee appointed to revise the Standing Rules, presented a report, which was accepted.

Resolved, that the report of the committee be taken up *seriatim*.

Rules numbered I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, were adopted as reported by the committee.

Rule No. XI, relating to the Constitution and duties of the Committee of Arrangements, was referred to the special Committee on Reduction and Entertainment of Synod.

Rules numbered XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, were adopted as reported by the committee.

Pending the consideration of Rule XVII, relating to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the hour of recess arrived, when the session was extended five minutes, in order to complete action on the matter under consideration.

After discussion, the subject was postponed for the present.

Synod then took recess until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod re-assembled, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, as previously ordered.

At the close of this service, Synod was called to order for business.

The Committee of Arrangements presented an additional report, recommending—

1st. That the work of Church Erection be considered at 11 A. M., on Thursday, to be opened by Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D.

2d. That Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, have permission to present the report of the committee some time this afternoon.

3d. That Rev. A. E. Ballard be afforded ten minutes to present the cause of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance.

4th. That the cause of Ministerial Relief be presented by Rev. George Hale, D.D., on Thursday morning, after Church Erection.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., was excused from serving as chairman of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, and Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., was appointed in his place.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read by Rev. I. W. Cochrane. The report was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted.

Ordered, That the report be printed in the Appendix.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The standing Committee on Sabbath Observance presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Rev. Geo. S. Mott, D.D., and Rev. I. Williams Cochrane were appointed a committee to draft a minute suitable to be adopted by the Synod, on this subject.

Papers, purporting to come from the Church of Stanhope, asking for the transfer of that Church from one Presbytery to another, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The subject of the Church in its relation to Education was postponed until Thursday morning, and made the first order of the day after devotional exercises.

Resolved, That Rev. D. W. Poor, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, be heard in the interests of this cause.

Rev. A. E. Ballard spoke in behalf of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance, according to previous arrangement; whereupon,

Rev. B. S. Everitt, Rev. H. R. Hall and Elder William Elmer, M.D., were appointed a committee to prepare a minute to be adopted by Synod, with reference to this subject.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled, and took up the order of the day, to wit, Benevolence and Church Work.

Rev. D. W. Poor, D.D., of the Synod of Philadelphia, Rev. J. C. Lowrie, D.D., of the Synod of New York, and Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of the Free Presbytery of Bombay, India, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Rev. B. T. Phillips presented the following minute with reference to the work among the Freedmen, which was adopted, viz. :

The Synod having heard Rev. Dr. R. H. Allen, Corresponding Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, with great delight and edification, does hereby most cordially endorse the action of the Committee on Freedmen in his appointment, and most earnestly commends the cause of the Freedmen to all our Churches, for increased interest and contributions, as a matter of justice to the negro and safety to ourselves.

The Committee of Arrangements made an additional report, recommending :

1st. That Rev. John C. Lowrie, D.D., of New York, and Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of India, be heard this evening upon the subject of Foreign Missions.

2d. That volunteer addresses on this subject occupy in all twenty minutes.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. John C. Lowrie, D.D., and Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, in the interest of Foreign Missions, after which Synod was led in prayer by Rev. Dr. E. W. French.

Rev. Dr. G. S. Mott, in a brief address, commended to the Churches "The Foreign Missionary," the monthly publication of the Board of Foreign Missions, as a valuable treasury of information on this subject.

Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., a member of the Board of Home Missions, then addressed the Synod in relation to the work of that Board.

Pending the consideration of the mission work of the Church,

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 21st.

Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rev. J. J. Pomeroy, Rev. E. W. French, D.D., Rev. J. G. Symmes, D.D., Rev. H. F. Hickok, Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D., Rev. S. M. Studdiford, Rev. William Thomson and Rev. E. P. Shields were appointed a committee to nominate the Permanent Committees called for in the standing rule of Synod adopted yesterday.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which is as follows :

The committee call the attention of Synod to the following items, viz. :

1st. "That all of our Synods and Presbyteries be requested to assign one day, or at least a portion of one day, at each regular session, for the prayerful consideration of the Sabbath School work within their respective bounds, and securing, as far as possible, the presence and assistance of practical Sabbath School teachers, who know how to handle the Word of God." [Minutes, p. 27.]

2d. The action of the Assembly on the complaint of Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke and others, against the Synod, for dismissing their complaint against the Presbytery of Monmouth. [Minutes, p. 64.]

3d. The action of the Assembly, directing "the Boards of the Church to make annually, to each of the Synods, detailed reports of their work within its bounds; and that each Synod, carefully considering its own condition and wants, be directed to report to the General Assembly any suggestions or propositions with reference to the work of the Boards within its bounds, as may seem to it wise." [Minutes, p. 74.]

4th. The overture of the Assembly on the "Re-organization of Synods." [Minutes, pp. 73, 74.]

In view of the recommendation of the Assembly with reference to the Sabbath School work of the Church, the committee present the following:

Resolved, That the first half hour of this afternoon's session be devoted to the consideration of and prayer for Sabbath Schools.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The hearing of reports on Presbyterial Records was made the order of the day, immediately after the orders already appointed.

The Committee on the Reduction and Entertainment of Synod presented a report, which was accepted; and

The further consideration of the report was postponed until after the hearing of the reports on Presbyterial Records.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report:

Overture No. 1. Being a joint request from the Presbyteries of Jersey City and Newark, that the Presbytery of Newark be authorized to organize a Church, to be called the Knox Presbyterian Church, at Kearney, near Newark, and to place the Church, when organized, upon their roll.

The committee recommend that the request be granted.

Overture No. 2. Being a request from members of the Church and congregation of Stanhope, that the Church be transferred from the Presbytery of Newton to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

The committee recommend that, as the affairs of that Church are now under consideration in the Presbytery of Newton, it is inexpedient for the Synod to take any action at present, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their papers.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. D. W. Poor, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, in relation to this work of the Church; and by Rev. Frank Chandler and Rev. Dr. S. M. Hamill, on the same subject.

The cause of Church Election was presented by Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D., Rev. I. W. Cochrane and Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D.

Rev. George Hale, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, and Rev. Dr. V. D. Reed addressed the Synod in relation to the work of that Board; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That in view of the increasing calls upon the Board of Ministerial Relief for aid, and the necessity laid upon the Board to diminish their appropriations, the Synod urges upon Pastors and Elders the importance of securing enlarged contributions to the funds of this Board.

Synod then took recess until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and resumed business. The order of the day, viz., the consideration of and prayer for Sabbath Schools, was postponed to hear the reports on Presbyterial Records.

The records of the Presbyteries of Jersey City, Newton, Morris and Orange, Newark, New Brunswick and Monmouth were approved.

The records of the Presbytery of West Jersey were approved, with the following exception :

Resolved, That Synod disapproves the action of the Presbytery of West Jersey, as seen on pages 168 and 191, in inviting an irresponsible person to sit as a Corresponding Member, and requests that there be no repetition of the same.

The Committee of Arrangements made an additional report, recommending :

That the evening's session be devoted to the consideration of several important topics of Church work. That not more than twenty minutes be devoted to each topic, and that they be considered in the following order:

1st. Mission Work in the Presbytery of Corisco. Address by Rev. R. H. Nassau.

2d. Education of the Germans for the preaching of the Word. Address by the Moderator, Rev. C. E. Knox, D.D.

3d. The Temperance cause. Address by Rev. J. Hall McIlvaine. Followed by the introduction of resolutions by the committee appointed to draft a minute on this subject.

4th. The reading of the Narrative of the State of Religion.

5th. The Chinese question. Address by Rev. W. E. Honeyman.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported that the only papers brought before them were those which referred to a former member of the Presbytery of Corisco. The committee have examined these papers and find nothing requiring the attention of Synod, and therefore recommend that the papers be placed on file and that the committee be discharged.

The report was accepted and adopted.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

The committee appointed to nominate permanent committees, reported the following :

I. Home Missions and Sustentation—Rev. Frank Chandler, Rev. Simon J. McPherson, Elder Charles A. Dewitt.

II. Foreign Missions—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Elder Levi P. Stone.

III. Education—Rev. P. Augustus Studdiford, D.D., Rev. Frederick R. Brace, Elder Ashbel Welch.

IV. Publication—Rev. Edward P. Shields, Rev. Martin F. Hollister, Elder A. L. Kelley.

V. Church Erection—Rev. Eldridge Mix, D.D., Rev. John A. Liggett, Elder Jeremiah Baker.

VI. Freedmen—Rev. Albert Erdman, Rev. Benjamin T. Phillips, Elder A. D. Hope.

VII. Ministerial Relief—Rev. John C. Rankin, D.D., Rev. William T. Findley, D.D., Elder D. M. Stiger.

VIII. Sabbath Schools—Rev. Alexander Proudfit, Rev. John L. Wells, Elder John Hill.

IX. Sabbath Observance—Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., Rev. Allen H. Brown, Elder C. M. Woodruff.

X. Temperance—Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., Rev. Villeroy D. Reed, D.D., Elder Thomas Ryerson, M.D.

XI. Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches—Rev. Allen H. Brown, Rev. Henry B. Townsend, Elder O. E. Boyd.

XII. Necrology—Rev. Edward W. French, D.D., Rev. Alanson A. Haines, Elder S. H. Pennington, M.D.

XIII. Church Extension and Home Missions—Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., Rev. Hugh Smythe, Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell, Jr., Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D., Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Rev. John F. Pollock, Rev. Lewis C. Baker.

XIV. Systematic Beneficence—Rev. I. Williams Cochrane, Rev. Isaiah B. Hopwood, Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., Rev. William H. Rhoberts, Rev. William A. Holliday, Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D., Rev. George L. Smith, Rev. Walter A. Brooks, Elder George W. Snow.

The report was accepted and adopted.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and found them correct, as compared with the vouchers accompanying them, there being a balance in the treasury of \$47.15.

The committee recommend that the Presbyteries be asked to pay, for contingent expenses, the following sums, viz. :

Presbytery of Elizabeth.....	\$35.00
“ “ Jersey City.....	30.00
“ “ Monmouth.....	30.00
“ “ Morris and Orange.....	35.00
“ “ Newark.....	40.00
“ “ New Brunswick.....	40.00
“ “ Newton.....	30.00
“ “ West Jersey.....	30.00

The report was accepted and adopted.

REDUCTION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Reduction and Entertainment of Synod presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Reduction and Entertainment of the Synod, would respectfully report :

That inasmuch as the General Assembly has sent down to the Presbyteries an overture, which, if adopted, may alter largely the constitution of the Synod, they report no permanent plan for the present, but recommend :

1st. That this committee, or a similar committee, be appointed by the Synod to hold the matter under consideration, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

2d. That the Synod accept the invitation from Asbury Park for the next year, and when it adjourns, it be to meet at Educational Hall, Asbury Park, on the third Tuesday (the 18th) of October, 1881, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.; Synod, in that case, paying its own expenses.

The Stated and Enrollment Clerks, and the Pastor and Elders of the Church of Asbury Park, were constituted the Committee of Arrangements for that meeting.

The Committee on the Reduction and Entertainment of Synod was re-appointed for another year.

The committee appointed to defend the action of Synod in the General Assembly, in the case of the appeal and

complaint of Rev. J. S. Van Dyke and others, reported that they attended the General Assembly and discharged the duty assigned them, and the case was settled by the following decision, found in Minutes of General Assembly, page 65 :

"Resolved, That in the matter of the complaint of J. S. Van Dyke and others against the Synod of New Jersey, praying that the Presbytery be required by this Assembly to re-adjudicate the case of L. E. Brown, their petition be not granted, and that the complainants have leave to withdraw their papers."

The report was accepted.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The order of the day, to wit, the consideration of and prayer for Sabbath Schools, was taken up. Addresses were made upon the subject, interspersed with devotional exercises.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Mott, it was

Resolved, That the Synod urges all the Presbyteries to appoint a Sabbath School committee, and to hold a service at each stated meeting of Presbytery to advance Sabbath School work.

We urge our Sabbath Schools to use the Helps which are provided by the Board of Publication, and we call the attention of the German Churches of our Synod to the Sabbath School Helps, in German, prepared by the same Board.

As great advantages, in the opinion of many Sabbath School workers, are connected with Assemblies held for the specific purpose of considering all departments of Sabbath School work, we refer to our Sabbath School Committee the propriety of holding such an Assembly next Summer, under the conduct of Rev. J. A. Worden.

On motion of Rev. W. W. McNair, it was

Resolved, That for the sake of saving multitudes of the youth of our towns and cities from influences calculated to educate them in habits of vice and crime, the Synod of New Jersey earnestly petitions the Legislature of the State to enact a law, with suitable penalties, by

which it shall be made a misdemeanor for minors to be allowed to use any games or gaming device in places where intoxicating drinks are sold.

The consideration of the report of the committee to revise the Standing Rules of Synod was then resumed; and Rules, numbered XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX and XXI were adopted. (See Appendix.)

The annual reports of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod, and of the Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions, were presented by the Stated Clerk. The reports were accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Rev. B. F. Bastin, Rev. E. B. Palmer and Rev. S. C. Dare, of the West Jersey Baptist Association, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Standing Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on the German Theological Seminary was continued for another year.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute with reference to Sabbath Observance, presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz. :

The Synod regards with alarm the increasing desecration of the Sabbath. While we recognize the special causes leading to this desecration, as arising out of the peculiar conditions of modern life, and out of the vast immigration from peoples whose ideas of the Sabbath are different from our own, we are constrained to believe that there is not that zeal for the observance of the day among professing Christians, which is necessary to counteract the tendencies adverse to the Sabbath. Therefore, we earnestly exhort all the members of our

churches to set the example of a holier regard for the day, and we urge all our pastors to preach, from time to time, upon the proper observance of the Lord's day, and we would suggest, as an appropriate time, one of the Sabbaths of the month of May, 1881, and that the attention of pastors be called to this by the Sabbath Committee, and that special attention be devoted to this subject in the instruction of the young. This Synod also believes that the majority of the citizens of this State are firmly opposed to any such change in the Sabbath laws as will permit the prosecution of ordinary business on that day, or the perversion of it into a mere holiday. We believe this sentiment in favor of the Sabbath to be so general and controlling, that all unwise and anti-Christian legislation can be prevented by concerted action on the part of the advocates of the Sabbath.

We desire to express our earnest commendation of the course of the last Legislature in refusing to remove the prohibition against the sale of liquors on the Sabbath. We also, respectfully, but most earnestly, remonstrate against the course of those railroad companies which run excursion trains on the Sabbath.

Understanding that the object of the New Jersey Sabbath Union is to uphold the safeguards of the Sabbath, and to advance the Christian observance of the day, we heartily commend it to all our ministers and churches, and hereby authorize our Standing Committee on the Sabbath to co-operate with this Association in all measures which may seem wise to that committee.

The order of the day for the evening was reconsidered, so far as it related to the presentation of resolutions on temperance, and the committee appointed to prepare resolutions with reference to this subject, presented a report, which was accepted.

The resolutions were taken up *seriatim*, and adopted, as follows :

Resolved (1st), The Synod of New Jersey reiterates its oft-repeated sentiments in condemnation of the vice of intemperance, and the use of intoxicants as a beverage.

(2d), The Synod expresses its belief in the desirableness and great importance of a General Local Option Law, and of the efforts of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance to secure it, and respectfully and urgently requests the incoming Legislature to pass such a law.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and took up the order for the evening.

Addresses were delivered as follows: Mission Work in the Presbytery of Corisco, by Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, a member of that Presbytery; Education of the Germans for the Preaching of the Word, by the Moderator, Rev. C. E. Knox, D.D.; the Work of the Church in the Temperance Cause, by Rev. J. Hall McIlvaine.

The Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, was read by Rev. Rufus Taylor, D.D. The report of the Committee on the Narrative was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Synod was then addressed on the Chinese question, as previously ordered, by Rev. W. E. Honeyman.

The exception to the Records of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, laid over from last year, was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, That the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, and found them correct.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Enrollment Clerk reported that the following members of Synod, giving acceptable reasons, were excused for absence from the

LAST MEETING OF SYNOD.

Rev. John J. Pingry,

Rev. John L. Wells,

Rev. Charles C. Converse.

FROM LAST SESSION OF LAST MEETING.

Rev. N. S. Aller,

Rev. I. B. Hopwood.

FROM PRESENT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Elder J. N. Marcellus, Squan Village Church.

" James Vanderbeck, Englewood Church.

" E. N. Ball, Wickliffe Church, Newark.

Rev. H. C. Cameron, D.D.,

" Henry M. Booth, D.D.,

" Wm. M. Wells,

" J. R. Mann, D.D.,

" Henry E. Spayd,

" James C. Egbert,

" Henry W. Ballentine,

" John Woodbridge, D.D.,

Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D.D.,

" Peter A. Studdiford, D.D.,

" J. M. Maxwell,

" D. M. Halliday, D.D.,

" J. C. Rankin, D.D.,

" Wm. H. Kirk,

" E. B. Hodge,

" Wm. J. McKnight, D.D.

AFTER 3:30 P. M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.

Rev. Wm. T. Findley, D.D.,

Rev. S. J. McPherson,

Elder Walter L. Wright.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. Wm. C. Roberts, D.D.,

" A. Yeomans, D.D.,

" Alex. Proudfit,

" Samuel Miller, D.D.,

" William Bannard, D.D.,

" J. F. Brewster,

" Wm. J. Henderson,

" I. B. Hopwood,

" O. B. McCurdy,

" John Ewing,

Elder David Lee,

" Richard Purdue,

" Alfred W. Dey,

" William P. Emery,

" N. P. Todd,

Rev. R. S. Feagles,

" James P. Wilson, D.D.,

" C. F. Worrell, D.D.,

" W. L. Cunningham,

" Pierce Rodgers,

" John F. Pollock,

" Henry W. Teller,

" J. G. Williamson,

" J. A. Ferguson,

Elder Benj. R. Kelty,

" Joseph Kitchell, Jr.,

" Smith Shepherd,

" Robert S. Grummon,

" John R. Alterman,

" J. K. Waters.

AFTER 3:30, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

Rev. Charles Asay,

" J. P. W. Blattenberger,

" J. F. Stearns, D.D.,

" J. M. Barkley,

" J. O. Wells,

" F. Chandler,

" H. B. Townsend,

" L. E. Mudge,

Rev. C. T. McMullin,

" F. R. Brace,

" S. M. Hamill, D.D.,

" J. F. Shaw,

" George Hale, D.D.,

" George Sheldon, D.D.,

" J. S. Foulke,

" D. R. Foster,

Rev. J. G. Symmes, D.D.,	Elder Wm. D. Van Pelt,
Elder D. Iszard,	“ R. B. Stevenson,
“ John Ogden,	“ S. M. Pennington,
“ J. Bergen Thompson,	“ John Robins,
“ J. K. Stevens,	“ Frederick Vinton,
“ Henry B. Perrine,	“ J. Stratton Ware.

AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Henry E. Thomas,	Rev. S. T. Lowrie, D.D.,
Elder Jasper Bateman,	“ Heber H. Beadle.

AFTER 9 O'CLOCK, THURSDAY EVENING.

Rev. V. D. Reed, D.D.,	Rev. J. H. O'Brien,
Elder Isaac Stevenson,	Elder C. S. Anderson.

B. S. EVERITT, *Enrollment Clerk.*

THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be presented to the Churches and people of Bridgeton, for their thoughtful consideration and kind attentions to members of Synod, at this meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned, to meet in Educational Hall, Asbury Park, on the third Tuesday of October, 1881, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and benediction.

J. B. DAVIS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTO- BER 19TH, 1880.

From such Presbyterian Narratives as have been received in time we glean the facts which follow.

I. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Considerable has been done in the way of Church improvements and Church building within our bounds during the past year. West Jersey reports that eleven of their Churches have made valuable improvements in the way of new buildings, or in the repairing and beautifying such places of worship as they already had. Among these improvements are named the chapel erected at Blackwoodtown, and a Church edifice now in course of erection at Elmer.

One Church in the Presbytery of Newark has completed a mission chapel, and others rejoice in the removal of debts that have been long pressing upon them.

The prosperous mission of the First Church, Newark, has been organized into a Church, known as the Bethany Church, and their missionary has become their Pastor.

The Presbytery of Monmouth reports much in the way of Church improvement and Church erection. A new Church has been erected and dedicated at Keyport, another is nearly finished at Asbury Park, a chapel has been erected three miles from Lakewood, a tabernacle at Ocean Beach, and there is a movement for erecting another at Beach Haven. A new parsonage has been erected at Englishtown, and fifteen of the older Churches report improvements in their houses of worship. This Presbytery seems to be struggling to keep abreast of those wonderful developments of towns and cities along the seaboard, upon which much of her territory lies.

The Second Church of New Brunswick has a new chapel nearly completed, in a part of that city which promises a wider field of usefulness than has heretofore been enjoyed, and having sold their old Church, the congregation hopes to erect a new one in the same quarter with her new chapel, at no very distant day.

Jersey City Presbytery reports her Westminster Church thoroughly repaired.

Claremont Church rejoices in having been freed from a very heavy debt, and in better prospects for time to come.

West Hoboken has paid a debt of \$3,000, without interfering with their usual contributions to our Boards.

Englewood Church edifice has been greatly improved. Paterson First has enlarged its mission chapel, and Englewood has established a mission for the colored people, which has met with very great success.

Morris and Orange reports that a number of harassing Church debts have been canceled in full or in part. Debts of \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$7,000 have been entirely wiped out.

II. SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The condition of the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the Presbytery of New Brunswick is very encouraging. The First Church, Trenton, has a Sabbath morning class for adults.

The Sabbath School of the Second Church, New Brunswick, is doing well, both as to numbers and general interest.

Flemington reports an increased attendance. The young people's Bible classes are well sustained.

Lambertville Sabbath Schools were never better sustained or more prosperous.

With a single exception, the additions to the Church, the past year, were from the Sabbath Schools. In Lawrenceville this work is carried on with vigor.

The Sabbath School of Princeton First Church was never more prosperous. Six of the pupils have joined the Church.

In the Dutch Neck Sabbath School there is an interesting spirit of inquiry, and four of the pupils have joined the Church.

The Ewing Church has six Sabbath Schools, and nine of the pupils have made a profession of their faith in Christ.

In Pennington there is an increased interest in the study of the Bible. A fathers' class and a mothers' class have been formed.

Ten of those connected with the Sabbath School of Princeton Second Church have been received into the Church.

The Sabbath Schools of Trenton, Third Church, are flourishing. The Young People's Association has done important work, and a similar report is made of nearly every Sabbath School within the bounds of that Presbytery. Special mention is made of the Catechism, which appears to be well taught in all of them. Would that we might have reports of a similar nature from each of our Presbyteries, respecting each Sabbath School within its bounds.

Nearly every scholar in the Hopewell Sabbath School, over twelve or thirteen years of age, has been received into the Church.

The Sabbath Schools of the Presbytery of West Jersey are in a flourishing condition. Three of them report special attention given to the Catechism, which we have reason to hope is true of many others.

In the Presbytery of Monmouth, the Sabbath School work is receiving much attention. Some of the schools are now excellent and others are improving. Additional schools have been organized within the bounds of one or more of their oldest Churches, but the want of suitable teachers is deeply felt. In this Presbytery the catechism is receiving an unusual amount of attention on the part of Pastors. One Church brings together its six Sabbath Schools, twice a year, for an examination in it. Another has a monthly examination in the catechism.

The Presbytery of Newton reports that "the children of the Sabbath Schools are indoctrinated in our Presbyterian faith, the Shorter Catechism is taught and the Sabbath School is proving itself of great importance to the Churches."

Jersey City Presbytery reports the Sabbath School of Jersey City, First Church, as flourishing. It not only supports itself, but gives liberally to the Boards of the Church. Jersey City Third reports a flourishing Sabbath School. Westminster Church Sabbath School grows rapidly. The Norwood Sabbath School is blessed with faithful teachers. Englewood Sabbath School has prospered. The Sabbath School of Paterson Second has enjoyed a refreshing from on High—"Fifty-five scholars manifested an interest in religion." The Broadway Church, Paterson, has received into the Church twelve from the Sabbath School.

Morris and Orange reports their Sabbath Schools, in many cases, considerably increased in numbers.

III. TEMPERANCE.

In the Presbytery of Monmouth, the subject of temperance is receiving much attention. More than half of the Churches in that Presbytery report the temperance cause in a good state, while many

are asking for legislative help. One report speaks of local prohibition with the law enforced. Personal safety and the absence of all rowdyism is the result.

In the Presbytery of Newark, several of the Churches speak of the activity of the young men in the cause of temperance. Lawrenceville reports special interest in this work, and in Lambertville the cause has made progress.

In some of the Churches of Morris and Orange, the cause of temperance is receiving increased attention.

IV. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Monmouth Presbytery reports more than usual attention to the proper observance of the Sabbath. Many of the Churches of this Presbytery lie along our seaboard, and have to contend with those who come in upon them from the great cities on either side, and do all they can to destroy the Christian Sabbath. As that class becomes more bold and defiant, in the desecration of the Lord's day, the good people, whether boarders or citizens, felt it needful to take their stand more firmly for the proper observance of the day. Twenty-three of the Churches of that Presbytery report the observance of the day not only as good, but improving.

In the so-called twin cities on the seaboard, the Sabbath is well observed. The strictest rules are laid down, in relation to it, and rigidly enforced. No excursions are allowed to come within their limits, or to go out from them, on the Lord's day, but other places along the coast are very much disturbed by excursions coming by land or sea, or both.

V. THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

This has already been intimated in what has been said in relation to Sabbath School work and the observance of the Sabbath. It is to be judged of farther, by our prayer meetings, by the additions to our Churches, from the world and by the spirit of benevolence.

Our prayer meetings are the places, of all others, which show the spiritual state of the Churches. If there is life there, we may look for a degree of it in the Churches, but if the prayer meetings are cold and dead, we may expect to find the Churches in a similar state. Hence a good attendance upon our prayer meetings and a deep interest manifested in them is a matter of joy.

Some reports do not make mention of prayer meetings, while they give indirect evidence that they are well sustained.

In the Presbytery of Newark, several speak of "an increased attendance," and of an evident tenderness in the congregations.

Twenty-six of the Churches of the Presbytery of Monmouth report good prayer meetings, while others are spoken of as improving. One has new life imparted to it by the increased attendance of men. Only one-half of the Churches of this Presbytery observe the monthly concert of prayer for missions.

The report of the Presbytery of New Brunswick makes mention of a number of female prayer meetings and of others that are well sustained.

Jersey City Third Church reports their prayer meetings as remarkably well attended, especially by the young people.

The attitude of the Westminster Church is one of praying and waiting for times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and so it seems to be of many other Churches within our bounds.

West Hoboken prayer meetings are large and marked by earnest feeling. They are attended by the children of the Church.

Norwood prayer meeting is large.

The prayer meetings of Hoboken First have increased in interest, and are well kept up.

Several of the reports from the Churches of Jersey City Presbytery make special mention of the Monthly Concert.

In the Presbytery of Morris and Orange that Concert finds a place in twenty-five Churches, and in twenty-four of them the women have organizations in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.

We are to judge further of the spiritual state of our Churches by their benevolence.

The Presbytery of Monmouth reports an increased amount given to missionary work. The Churches which have given less are those which do not observe the Monthly Concert. Twenty-eight of the Churches of that Presbytery have contributed to all our Boards.

It is well said, in one of the reports, that the grace of giving is, by no means, the least of the graces conferred by the Spirit of God, or the least satisfactory proof that the Holy Spirit is poured out upon a people. And we would add our deep conviction that no Christian, no Church, can be abreast of this enlightened age, that is wanting in the spirit of missions. Hence there is cause for joy on account of the increased spirit of liberality which is apparent in many of our Churches and Sabbath Schools.

We are also to judge of the spiritual state of the Churches under the care of Synod by the additions made to them on profession.

The Presbytery of Newton reports a steady and uniform growth on the whole, though many of the Churches regret the want of any special interest.

One hundred and forty-one have been added to the Churches of Monmouth Presbytery. But what are they among so many?

The report of the Presbytery of Newark speaks with thankfulness of spiritual health and prosperity in all the Churches. The number of additions to their Churches is greater than during the previous year. All report additions to their number, larger or smaller.

West Jersey says, compared with some previous years, this has not been characterized by large additions. Sixteen Churches fail to mention any increase in numbers. One hundred and two have been received on examination, but of these the Cape Island Church received forty-six.

The report of the Presbytery of New Brunswick places the spiritual condition of the Churches under its care in a very favorable light.

The Presbytery of Jersey City reports some additions to most of their Churches, and, in two cases, quite large additions, but admits that on the whole the Churches connected with that Presbytery have done no more than to hold their own.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange reports no extensive revivals, but speaks of considerable additions to several of its Churches. In one instance thirty-four were added.

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth there have been manifestations of the Spirit's power in several instances, but "the want of spirituality is the wail that comes up from many of the Churches."

Our Churches are generally supplied with Pastors, the ordinances of the Gospel have been well maintained, and the attendance upon the means of grace has, in general, been good. It is very pleasing to observe the general prevalence of harmony among the Churches, of which mention is made in the reports that have been received.

Some of the Churches connected with this Synod are feeling an increased interest in Family Worship and in Infant Baptism. Domestic altars have been set up where they had not been known before, and others have been burnished anew.

It is a matter of joy, also, to find special mention made in several reports of female prayer meetings, and to see the evidence of increased importance attached to them.

But notwithstanding many encouraging facts which are presented in the reports of the Presbyteries, it must be admitted that our Churches have not, as a whole, made much apparent progress during the past year. A few of them have lost ground. But a noble steamer does well to hold its own in the face of a strong head-wind, though it

cannot make a knot towards the wished-for haven. There are times too, when commercial houses do well to hold their own; and so of the Church of Christ in this militant state. While apparently doing no more, she may be preparing for more vigorous, aggressive work upon the powers of darkness in time to come.

The Winter is coming on, when neither leaves, nor blossoms, nor fruit will be seen upon the trees around us. Had we not seen them in this state before, we might think they would never show signs of life again.

But Spring and Summer return, and with them leaves and blossoms and fruit. The trees were not dead. They were taking root downward that they might bear fruit upward the more in due time. Thus it may be with individual Christians and with the Church.

Grace must have time to take root as well as to bear fruit. And when few blossoms and less fruit appear, let us hope that there is this downward growth in all the Churches of which the Lord hath made us overseers, and pray that the time may soon come when we shall see abundant fruit to the praise and glory of God in the salvation of men.

In concluding this report, we have to speak of those whom God has been pleased to remove from us by death. Six Ruling Elders have left the Church militant for the Church triumphant. These are J. D. Newman, of the Second Church, Cedarville; John S. Barnes, of Woodstown; T. C. K. Wallace, of Plumsted; Benjamin Hunt, of Delanco; Benjamin Harding, of Clayton, and John Beekman, of Hightstown. Seven of our Ministers have ceased from their earthly labors, viz.: the Rev. W. G. E. Agnew, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, who died June 5th, 1880, aged seventy-five years; Rev. Wm. H. Megie, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 31st, 1880, aged sixty-two; Rev. James C. Edwards, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, who died at Morristown, N. J., June 28th, 1880, aged seventy-three; Rev. David M. Smith, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, who had nearly completed his ninety-first year; Rev. D. E. Megie, who died at Boonton, May 16th, 1880; Rev. Charles C. Parker, D.D., the able and devoted pastor of Parsippany Church, who died February 15th, 1880, and Rev. Henry Perkins, D.D., of the Presbytery of Monmouth. Dr. Perkins was settled in Allentown, N. J., in 1820, and remained there to the day of his death, but resigned his pastorate about fifteen years before he died. The results of his life-long labors, in that one field, are a comment upon the advantages of a permanent pastorate, by which, in this restless, changing age, our Churches and our young pastors may do well to profit.

R. TAYLOR,
Chairman of Committee on Narrative.

II.—EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions present to the Synod their eighth annual report. First, we give the reports from the Presbyteries as presented by the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

There have been more vacant Churches in our Presbytery during this year than for many years. The Churches of Newton, Washington, Second Belvidere, and Branchville, all strong and self-supporting Churches, and the Church of Stanhope, are without pastors.

At Hamburg, in the field of North Hardiston Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. A. Haines, a new Church has been built. It is of stone, Gothic style, in the form of a Greek cross. It will seat two hundred and fifty persons, and has a basement that will seat two hundred. It is expected to dedicate the building on Thanksgiving day. There will be no debt upon it. Its entire cost will be about \$6,000.

The liberality of John I. Blair has secured to the Church of Delaware a Parsonage. He gave them the deeds of a house and lot, and the Church has spent \$700 in improvements, and now owns a Manse valued at \$2,500.

During the year the Church of Bloomsbury has paid off all its debt.

The Church of Hackettstown has done something to remove its debt, and hopes, during the next year, to be entirely free.

Very few of our Churches make any drafts upon the Board of Home Missions, but much mission work is done in our bounds. Scarcely any of our country Churches but have outposts, where the pastor preaches Sabbath afternoons. Thus nearly every pastor located in the country preaches three times on the Sabbath. The work has been blessed in the past, and many have had the Gospel preached to them who otherwise would be as destitute of the ordinance as those in States farther west.

JOHN F. POLLOCK, *Chairman*.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

The Presbytery of Jersey City reports a year of prosperity and encouragement in the matter of Church Extension. In several cases, Churches which a year ago were threatened with extinction by reason of debt or depletion, have seen their difficulties nearly or entirely removed.

The Church at Hackensack was in a very precarious condition, but by the sale of some property the debt has been greatly reduced, and the promise of future life insured.

The Third Church of Paterson, which has become greatly reduced in numbers, is returning, under the blessing of God on the labors of their newly-settled Pastor, to its former prosperity.

And the Church at Weehawken, long without a Pastor and regular service, owing to the decrease of the population for six or eight years, has this year been regularly supplied by Presbytery every Sabbath afternoon.

A good deal has been done also in the way of repairing and beautifying Church buildings. Claremont, since getting its unwieldy debt reduced to such small proportions as to be now easily manageable, has repaired and fitted up its building in a very tasteful manner, previous to the celebration of its decennial anniversary last Spring. The only drawback now is the loss of its excellent Pastor, by reason of impaired health, in the midst of his usefulness among them.

Westminster Church, of Jersey City, also has become now entirely self-supporting, and has also repaired and beautified, at its own cost, the Church edifice.

Besides these, the Englewood Church, in addition to the erection of the beautiful chapel last year, has recently spent about \$3,000 in repairing and ornamenting the main building.

Finally, the Church at Arlington has completed a beautiful stone edifice, of Gothic style, at a cost of \$4,200, of which \$800 were granted by the Board of Church Erection. This building was dedicated to the service of Almighty God on the 25th of last March.

The neighboring Church in Kearney township is now ready for organization, and has elected a Board of Trustees. It was thought best, however, that the Church, for several reasons, should be under the care of Newark Presbytery, although within the bounds of the Presbytery of Jersey City. And the two Presbyteries will send overtures to the approaching meeting of Synod, for permission to the Presbytery of Newark to organize and hold a Church at that place. It is to be styled, when organized, "The Knox Presbyterian Church."

During the year the Church at Fort Lee, formerly transferred by this Presbytery to the Classis of Bergen, has expressed its desire to be transferred again to our body. After due consideration, the Presbytery decided that the religious interests of the place required that the Church at Fort Lee should remain in its present connection.

The Church at Union has become so weak that Presbytery has placed it under the charge of the session at Rutherford Park.

CHAS. K. IMBRIE, *Chairman*.

JERSEY CITY, October 8th, 1880.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

No Church Extension work has been attempted or needed during the past year. All the mission Churches have commodious and well adapted edifices, and none of them are under any burden of debt. The Presbytery provides for the support of all the Pastors of these Churches, aiming to secure to each a comfortable maintenance.

R. AIKMAN, *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

(No report.)

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Reports that no changes have occurred within its bounds requiring notice.

A. GOSMAN, *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Elizabeth have pleasure in reporting that, during the past year, there have been some advances made in Evangelical work. Besides various minor enterprises on the part of the Churches, with a view of reaching the masses of the people outside of the ordinary Church influence, there has been gathered together the nucleus of a Church organization at Cokesburg, where some forty families have long been without suitable Church privileges. Under the labors of the Rev. W. J. Henderson, of Lower Valley Church, these people have been sought out, preached to, and at length, organized. They have determined to erect a Church edifice, and on the 6th of October, the foundation-stone was laid, amid much rejoicing on the part of all concerned. The Church will cost about \$1,400, and, with the aid of a small contribution expected from the Church Extension Fund, will probably be opened free of debt.

H. SMYTHE, *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Our Churches have been fully supplied during the past year. The Church of Keyport, but recently organized, have settled a pastor and are worshiping in their new edifice, which has been finished and dedicated during the year.

The Church at Asbury Park has had a surprising growth, and are expecting to enter their new Church next month, which has cost over \$3,000, all of which has been paid.

The work along the shore has been growing upon our hands. At Point Pleasant, the new terminus of the New Jersey Central Railroad, services have been maintained during the Summer, and the prospect for permanent occupation is favorable.

The Summer residents at Ocean Beach have erected a Tabernacle for Summer use, both sightly and convenient, reflecting great credit upon those who have had it in charge. The Chapel, which is situated about one mile from Spring Lake, and long disused, has been renovated and refitted, and has been opened for divine service.

A new Chapel has been built in the pines, about three miles from Lakewood, and is in connection with the Church of Lakewood.

The increase of population along the sea coast, and the resort of increasing multitudes in the Summer to the watering-places, call for earnest endeavors to keep pace with the openings for successful labor. We are striving to improve our opportunities, and in this we are greatly aided by your Synodical Missionary, whose labors in our bounds have been abundant and greatly appreciated.

A. H. DASHIELL, JR., *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The work committed to our care has been prosecuted diligently during the past year.

The Atlantic City Church is in a very hopeful condition. Constant progress has been made during the past few years, until now it is about to attempt the support of a minister, without help from the Board of Home Missions.

The Church of Hammonton has, during the year, paid off about \$1,500 incurred in moving the Church to a new location, and is very hopeful of success in its work.

The new Church edifice at Elmer has been inclosed, and nearly all the money needed thus far has been raised.

The work among the Germans in Swedesboro' and Woodbury has been prosecuted very earnestly by the laborer on the field, and good results are already seen. Services have been maintained in various mission stations by supplies that have been procured by the Synodical Missionary, and thus the blessings of the Gospel have been offered to many.

Along the Atlantic shore there have been frequent changes that have necessarily hindered the progress of the work. We greatly lament the death of student E. H. Duvall, whose labors were so blessed on that field.

Several of the Churches in the Presbytery have repaired and renovated their Church edifices, and the Church at Blackwoodtown has built a very neat and commodious Chapel, at a cost of \$2,000.

We regret that our contributions to the Board of Home Missions have not been as large as the previous year, yet we have not drawn so heavily on the treasury of the Board as before, our contributions having been about \$360 more than we received.

A plan has been adopted by our Presbytery to regulate the employment of students on our mission fields during their vacation, which, we hope, will result in great good, giving to mission fields the ministrations of earnest young Christians, and to these young Christian men the opportunity to work for the Master.

We here record our testimony to the faithful and indefatigable labors of our Synodical Missionary, Rev. A. H. Brown, through whose watchful supervision and care the feeble Churches of the Presbytery have been so regularly supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel.

F. R. BRACE, *Chairman pro tem.*

FIELD OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

Every year makes it more plain that the Synod did not awake to the needs of its mission field any too soon, and also gives evidence that the supervision and work bestowed upon it will have ample reward.

Mr. Brown, our Missionary at Large, has given his whole time during the year to labors there, and without a vacation. His journeys to and fro have carried him over a thousand miles a month, visiting the feeble Churches, preaching and speaking in the Churches or Sabbath Schools almost every Sabbath, securing supplies for vacant pulpits, giving counsel in perplexing exigencies, and in many ways supervising the mission work in the extensive region which comprises half the area of the State of New Jersey.

In all these labors he has acted with the counsel and co-operation of the Home Mission Committees of the Presbyteries of Monmouth and West Jersey. These two Presbyteries, through their committees, give a great deal of time and care to this work, and supervise attentively the work of the Synodical Missionary within their bounds.

The Presbytery of West Jersey, in view of the fact that the Board of Home Missions can only extend aid to Churches which have a settled ministry (either Pastor or stated supply), has appropriated a certain sum to aid such Churches as have no such ministry, and may, on that very account, be most in need. Perhaps this measure may have suggestions to other Presbyteries.

A larger number of Theological Students than usual have this year labored in our mission fields. Delanco, Glassboro', Ocean Beach,

Swedesboro', and a German station at Woodbury, have been thus supplied much of the year; and, for a shorter period, Elmer, Atco, Berlin, Yardville, Absecon and Somers Point. The expense of this agency has been very small, yet it has been indispensable to the maintenance of these Churches—most of them quite too feeble to maintain a settled ministry.

The relation of our Mission Churches in this field to the General Assembly's Board of Home Missions deserves notice. In last year's report it was said that these Churches "had given more and received less;" the current year shows further advance in this direction. Four Churches have ceased to ask aid of the Board—Manchester, Columbus, Plattsburg, Atlantic City. In Monmouth Presbytery, only five ministers are under the commission of the Board, drawing from its treasury in all the sum of twelve hundred dollars. In West Jersey, but three are at present thus commissioned, at an expense of five hundred and twenty-five dollars; which sum, however, must be increased as soon as permanent ministers can be obtained to take the place of several students or occasional supplies.

This result has been accompanied by much self-denial on the part of Pastors and Stated Supplies, pushed sometimes to a painful limit; while yet no ground once occupied has been abandoned, and the field of occupation has been annually extended.

A brief glance at *special portions* of the field will convey desirable information to the Synod.

Barnegat has assumed importance by a new railroad extension. The property of our Church there had hitherto been vested in the Presbytery of Monmouth, but the debt upon it having been paid off, the title-deeds have been transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Church itself.

Leeds Point, Absecon and Somers Point have, as heretofore, been grouped under one charge. They have been acceptably supplied with Gospel ordinances by Rev. Mr. McMullin, a former Pastor, and Mr. J. J. Rankin, a student from Princeton. The pulpit is now vacant.

At Hammonton, admirable progress has been made. The Church edifice, which was badly located, has been removed three-quarters of a mile nearer to the railroad station. This was done at the expense of a benevolent friend, on condition that the people would construct a Sunday School and Lecture-room, which has just been completed, and they are looking forward to Spiritual fruit.

On the 24th of November, 1879, the Presbytery of West Jersey organized a Church at Elmer (formerly called Pittstown), at the junction of the West Jersey and Salem Railroads. A Sabbath School had prepared the way, and Sabbath worship had been maintained in a

public hall. It received the fostering care of Rev. W. A. Ferguson, Pastor of the Pittsgrove Church. The Synodical Missionary, from the first, gave care and oversight to this young enterprise, which was adopted by the Presbytery after mature deliberation. The cornerstone of a Church edifice was laid July 17th, and the people intend that, when the top stone is laid, the Church shall be without debt.

Atlantic City continues to be a place of growing interest and importance, and, it may be added, of difficulty. Under the labors of Mr. Kellogg, the organization of a Sabbath School of two hundred members, and the erection of a Winter Chapel marked the progress of the Church. Under the labors of Rev. Edward Bryan, the Church attempts self-support. Atlantic City has suddenly grown to have a permanent population of six thousand souls. Three railroads terminate there, bringing thither immense multitudes of Summer visitors, giving an impetus to all kinds of business and enhancing the value of real estate. A new and somewhat surprising feature in the life of this and some other ocean settlements is the filling up of its hotels and boarding-houses with Winter visitors, seeking health from the sea breezes of the Atlantic. These visitors promise, this Fall and Winter, to be numbered by the thousands. The probable future of Atlantic City is somewhat bewildering, and marks it out as a place where the largest plans for Christian work cannot fail of large rewards. It is but a few years ago since the Chairman of your committee and the Missionary Superintendent searched all through the place to find and encourage the half a dozen members of its almost abandoned Presbyterian Church.

Asbury Park is another point of great interest. When the Presbyterian Tabernacle was erected there, it was intended for the use of Summer worshipers, and it was not expected that an organized Presbyterian Church would be needed. But the growth of the place has been unexpected. Fifteen thousand dollars marked the assessed value of its real estate a few years ago, now it has reached nearly a million, and the growth is yearly more rapid. Our people living there determined to build for themselves, and they have done it. Mr. Joseph Bradley gave them a handsome lot valued at eighteen hundred dollars, the Board of Church Erection came to their aid, with other friends, and the corner-stone of their building was laid on the 28th of August. It will be completed before the close of the year, and will be free from debt. The Church was organized in July, 1879, and has increased nearly four-fold since then. When this edifice is finished, the Presbyterian property at Asbury Park, including Tabernacle and Church, will be worth about ten thousand dollars. It may be added

that the Summer and Winter congregations supplement and happily aid each other.

Two miles south of Asbury Park lies Ocean Beach, with a brief history somewhat similar and illustrative of more that is going on all along the coast. Here the local Church preceded the Summer Tabernacle, but was a feeble organization of eight members with a dormant life. Last Winter it awoke to effort. A Sunday School was organized, a prayer meeting established, and preaching obtained from Princeton and Union Seminaries. Then a Tabernacle was projected, and such men as Rev. Dr. Breed and General Wagner, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Mr. Chandler, with others like-minded, putting their hands to the work, there was dedicated, on Sabbath, July 11th, one of the most commodious and admirable places for Summer worship anywhere to be found upon the coast. There is, however, great need of a Church edifice, for the growing permanent population, farther from the shore and nearer to the village—such an edifice as has been erected in Asbury Park. This will come in time.

This, indeed, brings again to view the difficult problem of how to meet the Gospel needs of the myriads who spend their Summer Sundays at the shore, who will crowd great Tabernacles, and also meet the wants of a much smaller but permanent population, steadily growing into settled communities. We are, however, being taught by experience, and, we believe, led by a Divine guidance. The growing importance of this mission field is indicated by the steady extension of railroads, opening up new regions and bringing older places nearer to the markets of trade, or easier of access to Summer visitors.

Thus the extension of the Long Branch Railroad to Point Pleasant gives to that place and to Bay Head City a new importance. We are glad to know that Rev. Dr. Knox, at Point Pleasant, has maintained regular Sabbath services through the Summer.

The extension of the Toms River Railroad from Waretown to Barnegat; the extension of the Narrow Gauge Railroad to Somers Point; the new branch of the Cape May Railroad, from Newfield, via Mays Landing, to Atlantic City, opened June 16th, all betoken the activity of business men and the influx of population, and suggest opportunities to the Church of Christ. It is pleasant to know that other Christian workers are alive to these opportunities, the Episcopalians having surpassed us in the earlier erection of sea-side Chapels at Asbury Park, Ocean Beach, Point Pleasant and other places, and during the last Summer have taken vigorous measures toward the erection of a Chapel at Spring Lake.

The extensive and desolating forest fires, raging every year, and greater last Summer than ever before, bid fair to make the term

"Jersey pines" only a memory; and these fires may prepare the way for the settlement of tens of thousands of acres hitherto held by a few persons and almost entirely uninhabited.

The public press, throughout this half of our State, gives evidence that attention is more and more turned to these wild and vacant lands, as well as to the sea-coast.

It is worthy of the attention of the Synod, that in the recent Church Extension work, especially at Keyport, Elmer and Asbury Park, the movement was not because of Synodical or Presbyterian pressure, but it began with the people feeling for themselves and their families the need of better facilities for the worship of God in their own chosen Church, the Church of their fathers.

The recently-discovered journal of John Brainerd, the worthy successor and brother of David Brainerd, gives new interest to these South Jersey missionary fields. Over this entire territory, then (in 1761 and 1762) far more difficult to tread, with Indian settlements scattered here and there, his untiring and lonely labors extended. In this journal in which does not once occur the name of this modest yet wonderful missionary, we read of ancient Churches in their struggling infancy. Of these, some have perished; the strongest and most favorably situated have survived. After Brainerd's time, and during and after the Revolutionary war, a long period of trial and weakness passed over this region, as, indeed, over all New Jersey. There is no evidence of the erection of any Presbyterian house of worship during the early part of this century, until 1820. In that year, twelve Churches constituted the entire strength of Presbyterianism in the southern half of New Jersey. In the two Presbyteries comprising that territory, there are now eighty-two Churches. In sixty years the *population* has increased about three-fold; it is gratifying to know that our Churches have increased nearly seven-fold.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge help given to this cause from abroad. Ocean Beach Sabbath School has received books from Roseville, N. J., and Chester county, Penna. Friends in Princeton have sent a communion set to the Church in Asbury Park. South Orange Sabbath School has contributed to sustain its Missionary at Bass River. The Second Church of Camden gave pews, and the Sabbath School of the West Church of Bridgeton gave lamps to the Church at Barnegat, and the latter Church also gave liberally to relieve the Swedesboro' Church from debt. The ladies of First Camden and South Orange have sent Missionary boxes, and the Sabbath Schools of the First Church of Morristown, Perth Amboy, First Church of Trenton, and Burlington, have contributed to special objects.

The Board of Church Erection has granted liberal aid to the Churches at Keyport, Barnegat and Asbury Park.

The Board of Publication has aided by the labors of its own Missionary, and by grants to Sabbath Schools at Asbury Park, Ocean Beach and Elmer.

Your committee feel no longer any need to commend this work to the Synod. Steadily this powerful body is awaking to the importance and the hopefulness of a field so near at hand and so peculiarly its own. In last year's report it was said that not less than a quarter of a million visitors had spent part of the Summer on the Jersey shores. It was an under-statement. The report of the Ocean Grove Association, published in October, 1879, says of that place alone: "It is estimated that three hundred thousand persons came to the Grove by rail" during the last season. Of course, this number is far from representing so many individual visitors, but yet it is suggestive of great multitudes; and all who are familiar with the facts are aware that the hotels and boarding-houses, from Sandy Hook to Cape May, were crowded last Summer to an unprecedented degree, and that new houses and enlargements of the old ones have been planned all along the coast. It is plain that this means opening opportunities for Summer work and a growing permanent population which will need religious institutions all the year round.

The work of the Lord will be done in all this large region. We mean to bear our part, with larger gifts, with warmer sympathy, with prayerful earnestness, and, we have no doubt, with that power of divine grace which always gives efficiency to faithful human work for God.

Respectfully submitted,

R. AIKMAN, *Chairman.*

NOTE.—The Synodical Committee disclaim any power or desire to make an assessment either on Presbyteries or Churches. Believing that there are many who will take pleasure in sustaining the work which the Synod has authorized, the Committee respectfully request the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Morris and Orange, Newark, and New Brunswick to raise, in their own way, each \$240, and the Presbyteries of Newton, Jersey City, Monmouth, and West Jersey, each \$160, as a reasonable basis of support for the Synodical Work during the ensuing year.

The Committee met and re-appointed Rev. Allen H. Brown Synodical Missionary for one year. His P. O. address is Camden, N. J.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The receipts from the Presbyteries have been as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth.....	\$148.36
“ “ Jersey City.....	160.00
“ “ Monmouth.....	120.00
“ “ Morris and Orange.....	240.00
“ “ Newark.....	240.00
“ “ New Brunswick... ..	240.00
“ “ Newton.....	93.48
“ “ West Jersey.....	160.00
	\$1,401.84
Received from Rev. A. H. Brown, for preaching services.....	55.00
	\$1,456.84
Due the Treasurer, balance on last year.....	\$1.29
Paid traveling expenses of the Committee	27.94
“ printing and mailing Reports.....	30.96
“ Check Book	1.00
“ Rev. Allen H. Brown.....	1,395.65
	\$1,456.84
Salary of Mr. Brown	\$1,200.00
Traveling expenses.....	289.44
	\$1,489.44
Paid Mr. Brown, as above.....	1,395.65
Still due Mr. Brown.....	\$93.79

R. AIKMAN, *Treasurer.*

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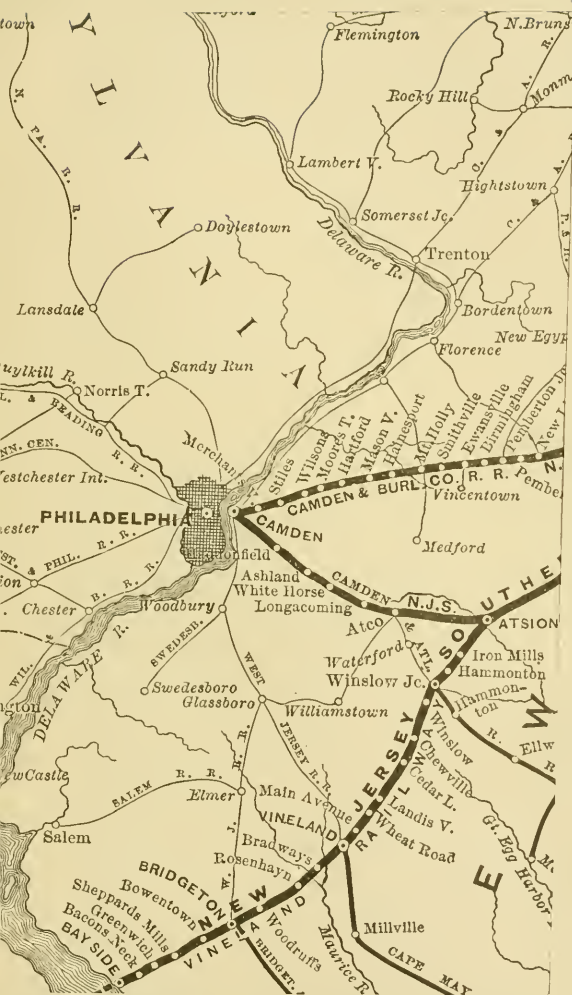
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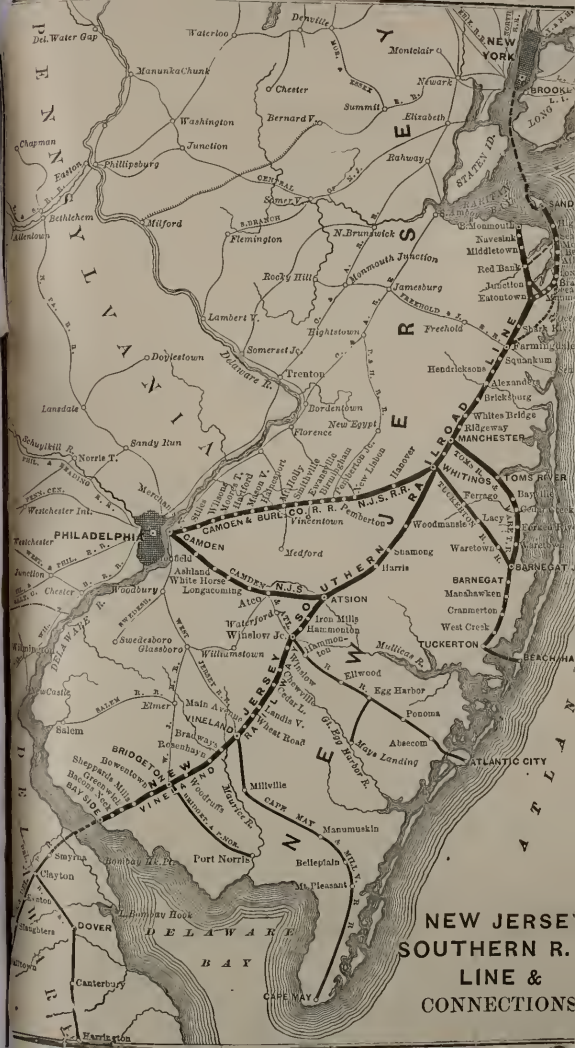
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III.—REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the beginning of last year our societies were called upon to bring "*tithes* into the store-house of the Lord;" offerings of *praise* and *thanksgiving* for all His goodness and mercy to us during these past ten years. And now we sum up these gifts as carefully as we can. From the

Presbyterial Society of Elizabeth.....	\$3,851.69
“ “ Jersey City.....	2,382.59
“ “ Monmouth.....	1,636.47
“ “ Newark	4,059.63
“ “ New Brunswick	4,574.45
“ “ Newton	1,670.21
“ “ West Jersey.....	1,284.56
Societies in Morris and Orange.....	2,253.70
To New York Ladies' Board.....	1,004.00
	\$21,841.62

May we not believe that this will be accepted as a "pure offering," pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old?

The missionaries supported by our societies are Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Frank Newton, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Anderson and Miss Seward, in India; Miss Eddy, in Syria; Mrs. Van Dyke and Mrs. McGilvary, in Siam; Mrs. Dr. Happer, Miss Noyes, Miss Happer, Mrs. Capp and Mrs. Leaman, in China; Miss Nassau and Mrs. Bacheler, in Africa; Mrs. Dr. Hepburn and Miss Youngman, in Japan; Miss Ella Kuhl and Miss Chamberlain, in Brazil; Mrs. Hutchinson, in Mexico, and Miss Culbertson, in California.

There are, also, thirty-four schools, seventy-one scholarships and eleven Bible readers, native teachers and Zenana visitors under the care of our societies.

Besides all this, we have had a share in building a chapel in Persia, a building in Tripoli, a hospital in Persia, and a house for Miss Dickson in Dakota. Aid has been sent to the Nez Perces and other North American Indians; to Mrs. Ashur Wright, among the Senecas; to help support a school in Mexico; the Seminaries in Beirut and Sidon, and one also in Bogota. It has pleased one society to contribute to the mission at Rome, in Italy, and another to help with the work on the Benga dictionary, by Mrs. De Heer.

Dear Sisters, do we realize the *magnitude* of our Foreign Missionary field? We remember with feelings of tenderest regard and reverence,

the *last words* of our Blessed Saviour. We hear His voice still saying to each one of us, His disciples, "*Go ye* into all the world" and teach all nations what ye have learned of me. But go not with doubtful hearts, O ye of little faith, "for lo, *I am with you* always, even to the end of the world."

Those of us who were in Philadelphia last week will never forget the lessons we there learned. The sad condition of the unevangelized nations. The longing for more knowledge, of those who are just beginning to know the truth as it is in Jesus. The grateful, joyful words of those who have been brought out of heathen darkness into God's marvelous light. If we are His disciples, His last words are spoken *to us*, and although we are women, we may go into all the world, for *Christ's presence* protects us all. But if our duty at home keeps us from going in our own persons, we must not forget that our responsibility to go may be met by *sending others*. And let us do it quickly, for "the king's business requires haste."

MARGARET M. HODGE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions of the Synod of New Jersey, met in the Presbyterian Church, Salem, West Jersey, October 7th, 1880, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Delegates from six Presbyteries were present, and reports from all parts of our State show an increasing interest in Missions, both in the Home and Foreign field.

We listened with interest to Miss Kuhl, of the San Paulo school, in Brazil, and to the parting words of Mrs. Janvier, who is about to return to her field in India, and also to the Rev. Dr. Nassau, of the Corisco Mission.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—MRS. R. T. HAINES, Elizabeth.

Vice-Presidents— { MRS. WM. SCRIBNER, Plainfield.
 { MRS. JOEL PARKER, Freehold.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. A. A. HODGE, Princeton.

Recording Secretary—MRS. K. K. CASPER, Salem.

Adjourned to meet in Jersey City, in October, 1881.

MRS. K. K. CASPER,
Recording Secretary.

IV.—REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The receipts, during the past year, so far as ascertained, are as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Value Boxes.	Money.	Total Am't.
Elizabeth	4	\$811.22	\$608.92	\$1,420.14
Jersey City	3	646.69	203.80	849.89
Monmouth	2	211.42	240.34	451.76
Morris and Orange	..		733.00	733.00
Newark	2	560.00	275.10	835.10
New Brunswick	14	2,609.79	721.87	3,331.66
Newton	7	896.61	260.15	1,156.76
West Jersey	..		343.70	343.70
	32	\$5,735.13	\$3,386.88	\$9,172.01
Received, also, collection at annual meeting, in Trenton, October 21st, 1879				\$8.21
Surplus of collection at convention, for expenses				51.00
				<u>\$9,231.22</u>

The success of the work in the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Newton shows what might be done should all take hold of it with equal earnestness. But we may speak with confidence of a growing interest among the women of this Synod, in the department of Home Missions again committed by the General Assembly to the women of the Church, viz.: that among the "exceptional races" in our land.

Much ignorance still exists as to the need of technically called missionary efforts within the United States. Some of our hymns tend to educate us wrongly, such as the verse following, taken from the Presbyterian Hymnal, page 826:

"We praise Thee that the Gospel light
Thro' all our land its radiance sheds;
Dispels the shades of error's night,
And heavenly blessings round us spreads."

—*Author unknown.*

Let but the facts be made known, not alone as to the Infidelity and Romanism that obtain among us, but also as to the disloyal designs of Mormon Priests, and the actual idol worship in New Mexico and Alaska, and surely every Christian will begin to realize that Home Missions is the great work of the American Church, that in which no other Protestant nation can be expected to take a part.

In order to help spread such information, the Conventions proposed in our report of 1879 have been held at seven different places in this Synod, during the past Winter, as arranged by our President, Mrs. H. D. Gregory. We owe special thanks to Rev. J. Addison Priest, D.D., for addresses made at these meetings, also to Rev. Henry Kendall, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Both of these gentlemen had visited Utah, etc., during the Summer preceding. Mrs. Gregory speaks, also, of the helpful interest in the Conventions taken by the Pastors of the Churches wherever held, and by those in towns adjacent.

Drs. Kendall and Priest spoke not alone of the destitutions, but of the encouragements as seen in the increasing number of Christian schools, and of the fresh openings for them made by men of the world in building railroads, which become, indeed, "highways for our God."

In addition to the regular meetings held by our societies, a number of others have been called, some of them in the evening, when Miss Anna Noble, for three years a missionary teacher in Utah, has given, from her own experience, facts as to the Mormons and the work among them.

Fourteen new teachers have gone, during the past month, into Utah, where eight new schools have been established. There is a call for other missionary teachers to go into New Mexico and Arizona, and to other points in Utah. Five hundred dollars a year are needed for their support. By the good help of our Pastors, we hope to secure several of these salaries in New Jersey.

Buildings to be used as Chapels and school-houses are needed. The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions asks for \$7,000, this year, for these mission premises.

For further information as to all these objects, we respectfully refer to the "Rocky Mt. Presbyterian," the "organ" of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, a copy of which is sent to every Pastor. Please do not find room for it in the waste-basket, but, rather, after reading give it to members of your congregation, whom it may incite to prayer and contributions.

We find the need of more help on our Synodical Committee. Some of our members living near the city of New York are engaged in the work of the General Executive Committee, and neglect almost unavoidably local efforts in New Jersey. We venture, therefore, to propose for your appointment three names in every Presbytery, making four each in the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Jersey City and Newark, also to ask that any vacancies may be filled *ad interim* by the Presbyteries.

Twenty-two of the Synods of our Church appointed Synodical Committees in 1879.

In behalf of the Synodical Committee on Home Missions,

F. E. H. HAINES, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Salem, N. J., October 6th, 1880, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the conventions and meetings, numbering seventeen, held during the past year under the direction of the Synodical Committee, have increased the interest in Home Missions; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of the Synodical Committee in each Presbytery should secure at least one public meeting in the interest of Home Missions, in every Presbytery, once a year.

By writing to the Executive Committee, 23 Centre street, New York, speakers can be obtained.

An address given by Miss Noble, a teacher from Utah, stirred all hearts. She spoke of the degradation and misery of women and children in Utah. In one valley, one hundred and seventy thousand persons are living without education, and it is difficult to find even a physician among them.

She stated that Mormons are disloyal to our government. When they enter their church, they take a solemn oath against the United States Government, considering us their enemies, and citizens have been stoned in their midst.

The schools of different Missionary Societies, with ours, are doing for Utah what no other power could reach. If we could have double the number, great advancement would be made.

For the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions for the ensuing year, the following names are respectfully submitted to the Synod for confirmation or change:

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth.
Mrs. O. E. Boyd, Rahway.
Miss Julia Scribner, Plainfield.
Miss Addie C. Acken, Metuchen.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly.
Mrs. J. D. Bedle, Jersey City.
Mrs. Dr. Forman, Bergen.
Mrs. C. H. Langdon.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Miss Mary C. Taylor, Burlington.
Mrs. B. S. Everitt, Jamesburg.
Miss Jennie S. Larrabee, Manchester.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Dr. Aikman, Madison.
 Mrs. E. W. Stoddard, Succasunna.
 Mrs. A. Erdman, Morristown.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Mrs. Dr. James P. Wilson, Newark.
 Miss J. H. Nichols, Newark.
 Miss A. Carter, Newark.
 Mrs. Robert W. Seymour, Roseville.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. D. R. Foster, Pennington.
 Mrs. John Hall, Trenton.
 Miss Maggie Sloan, Trenton.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Mrs. H. E. Spayd, Harmony.
 Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Blairstown.
 Mrs. Judge Morrow, Belvidere.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. R. A. Burt, Bridgeton.
 Mrs. J. P. Moore, Salem.
 Mrs. Fewsmith, Camden.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—MRS. H. D. GREGORY.

Vice-President—MRS. JOEL PARKER.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. R. T. HAINES.

Assistant Secretary—MISS M. J. MORTON.

Recording Secretary—MRS. C. H. LANGDON.

Adjourned to meet at Jersey City, in October, 1881.

M. J. MORTON,
Secretary pro tem.

V.—REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The standing Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, to the Synod of New Jersey, in session at Bridgeton, this 20th of October, 1880, respectfully reports as follows:

Even while we are boasting of our "American Sabbath," it seems to be slipping away through our fingers. It may be that to speak of the Lord's Sabbath would be better. And what is this? We may answer in words that will not be gainsaid here, however puritanical to some persons they may seem. The so-called "Blue Laws" of Connecticut were a mere fiction of a clerical scoffer; and we may say, without fear of contradiction, that New England never knew a law of the Sabbath stricter than that laid down by the Westminster Assembly: "The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days, and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy. "The Fourth Commandment forbiddeth * * the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works about our worldly employments and recreations." (Shorter Catechism, Q. 60, 61.) How little is known anywhere, in our day, of such a Sabbath as this.

The words of the Catechism suggest where Sabbath desecration begins, and where it entrenches itself for its impious warfare against God and man. Its origin is deep down in the thoughts and desires of the heart. Then from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Worldly words follow worldly thoughts and feelings. Afterwards, in close sequence, comes worldly reading, first, perhaps, in Sabbath School library books and the secular matter in religious newspapers, then in books and papers wholly secular. There was a Cyclopædia of Sunday Schools published in England, about twenty years ago, which presented a catalogue of books said to be suitable for Sabbath School libraries, and high on the list stood Scott's novels. There are books worse than these for Sabbath reading in many of our libraries, hidden from common view, however, under more specious names. Our church members, even fathers and mothers in Israel, very often virtually begin the Sabbath day with a religious newspaper instead of with the Bible. It has been an easy transition from the things that have been mentioned to Sabbath visiting, Sabbath walks, Sabbath drives, then to Sabbath journeyings and excursions by steamboat and railroad, until very widely in our State and throughout the

United States, the laws of both God and man, on this point, are utterly disregarded or openly set at defiance. The statutes of New Jersey permit no railroad company to run more than one passenger train each way on Sunday, yet, to mention a single flagrant case of violation of this law, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company runs, on its New York division, about eight passenger trains each way, even at this season of greatly decreasing travel.

What is to be done to stay the tide of Sabbath-breaking? The grandest difficulty in the case is the ever-increasing laxity of ministers and other Church officers themselves, as to both their example and their teachings. To a Presbyterian minister of this State, not in our Presbyterian communion, however, came, a few years since, one of his Church members, a recent convert, for the relief of conscience. He was employed on a ferry-boat which ran on Sunday. Must he not, as a Christian man, give up his post? But the support of his family depended altogether upon his daily labor, and he knew not where to turn for other employment. Many persons might have expected the Pastor to reply, "Trust in the Lord and do good"—do right—"so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Obey conscience, casting your care upon the Lord. He will care for you." But the pastor was more worldly wise. He advised his new member to continue in his place and his Sabbath work. "Only be faithful," he added, "to your employer, do your Sabbath work faithfully, and all will be well." The names of members and even ministers of Evangelical Churches are constantly found signed to petitions for Sabbath trains, and both ministers and members are constantly using them for convenience, and, as they say, in the service of the Lord.

It is clear, then, that the first object should be to set the Church right on this point. There seems to be an urgent necessity for a great revival of Sabbath devotional principle and feeling all over the land. Until God's professing people present a much less divided front in favor of a firm Sabbath faith and strict Sabbath observance, it cannot be expected that worldly people, that steamboat or railroad companies will forego their Sabbath pleasures or Sabbath gains. But with any near approach to a right state of things in the Church in regard to this matter, such companies could not long persist in Sabbath desecration. Here where we are assembled—in Bridgeton, a place which has yielded much less than most other places of its size to the inroads of the world upon the Church—here, very lately, the pulpit and the press have proved effectual to arrest speedily a determined effort to popularize Sabbath steamboat excursions.

No doubt the instructions of the pulpit and of the religious press

should also inculcate the duty of citizens to enforce the laws of the land and procure the passage of right laws for the protection of the Sabbath.

All which is respectfully submitted, &c.,

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SAMUEL MILLER,
ALLEN H. BROWN.

N. B.—The other member of the committee, Cephas Woodruff, Esquire, was not in attendance at Synod, and could not be consulted.

VI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The first questions which will naturally arise upon this subject, in every mind, will be, What has been done in this Synod, during the past year, for the great causes of benevolence and for Him whom they represent? Has any advance been made? Are we any nearer to fulfilling His command, to give as God hath prospered us? Are we any more like Him who has given not merely His wealth, but His life for us?

That there ought to be progress in this matter, all will recognize. There has been progress in prosperity. We have received more freely. Have we given as freely? "Grow in grace," is the Apostolic command, and giving is a grace. Much effort has been put forth. Has the seed fallen by the wayside? Judged by the Gospel standard, which claims all for Christ, our gifts have been so small in the past that we should not be content with slight improvement. Then the calls of dying souls grow louder, the voices of God's Spirit and Providence more clear, the fields more white to the harvest. Let us see, then, where we stand. Figures will not tell the whole story. You cannot calculate self-denial by addition or subtraction. But Christ has said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

In the *amount contributed to purely benevolent objects*, there has been an increase during the year:

	1879. AMOUNT.	1880. AMOUNT.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Corisco.	\$360	\$269	...	\$91
Elizabeth.....	16,543	18,277	\$1,734	...
Jersey City.....	11,817	10,413	...	1,404
Monmouth.....	7,969	8,945	976	...
Morris and Orange.....	21,923	28,033	6,110	...
Newark.....	35,341	32,932	...	2,409
New Brunswick.....	19,087	24,296	5,209	...
Newton.....	6,712	8,508	1,796	...
West Jersey.....	7,169	7,902	733	...
Total.....	\$126,921	\$139,575	\$16,568	\$3,904

Thus six Presbyteries show an increase, and three, Corisco, Jersey City and Newark, a decrease in gifts to the eight objects of benevolence, according to our Assembly's minutes.

The net increase is \$12,654. If we compare the amount given to

each of the Boards, with that contributed the preceding year, we have, according to the minutes, this result :

	1879. AMOUNT.	1880. AMOUNT.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Home Missions.....	\$48,604	\$47,485	...	\$1,119
Foreign Missions.....	39,378	50,495	\$11,117	...
Education.....	12,900	15,320	2,420	...
Publication.....	3,206	3,369	163	...
Church Erection	10,151	9,369	...	782
Relief.....	5,546	6,457	911	...
Freedmen	4,925	5,063	138	...
Sustentation.....	2,211	2,017	...	194
Total	\$126,921	\$139,575	\$14,749	\$2,095

In contributions to these causes, there has been a decrease, viz.: Home Missions, Church Erection and Sustentation. We gave less to the General Assembly's Fund than last year, by \$161. We gave less to Miscellaneous Objects of Benevolence, by \$4,832. This should be deducted from the increase in gifts to the Boards, to give our true increase in benevolent gifts, which would be \$7,822. The amount given for Congregational Expenses has fallen \$37,002. Taking these and gifts for benevolence together, there is a loss, as compared with last year, of \$29,341. The decrease under Congregational Expenses may be a gain in one aspect, as part of it may be due to the fact that debts were paid last year. But this should have insured larger contributions to benevolence.

When there should have been an advance all along the line, it is not a creditable record to find three Presbyteries decreasing in the amount given, three Boards receiving less than last year, and to see the whole amount given by the Synod decreased by \$29,000.

In the *average of gifts per member* to the eight objects recommended by the Assembly, we find that Newark Presbytery comes first, giving \$5.50 a member, decrease from last year, 47 cents; Morris and Orange, \$4.68, increase 93 cents; New Brunswick, \$3.86, increase 83 cents; Elizabeth, \$3.06, increase 26 cents; Jersey City, \$2.76, decrease 42 cents; Monmouth, \$2.13, increase 19 cents; Newton, \$1.79, increase 38 cents; West Jersey, \$1.73, increase 16 cents.

In the increase of both total gifts and amount per member, Morris and Orange leads, with \$6,110 in the one, and 93 cents in the other. The average for the whole Synod was \$3.33 for each communicant, an increase of 56 cents over last year. For the whole Church, the average was \$2.19, an increase over the preceding year of one cent a member only. The Synod stood third in the Church last year in its average,

but it is second this year. The order is: New York, \$6.39 per communicant; New Jersey, \$3.33; Philadelphia, \$3.32. The Presbytery of Newark stands fifth of the one hundred and seventy-seven. New York gave \$11.40 per communicant; St. Louis, \$7.86; Cleveland, \$6.64; Rochester, \$5.90; Newark, \$5.50.

For Home Missions, average 1879, \$1.17; 1880, \$1.13, decrease 4 cents. Foreign Missions, 1879, 95 cents; 1880, \$1.20, increase 25 cents.

For all Church work, including Congregational Expenses, the Synod gave in 1879, \$828,872; in 1880, \$799,531. There has been a decline for three years, as follows: 1878, \$38,697; 1879, \$15,927; 1880, \$29,341. For all objects, the average last year was \$19.93; this year, \$19.07, a decrease of 86 cents.

The gifts for Church support can hardly be called purely benevolent. The Apostle speaks differently about the support of the Pastor and gifts to the poor saints. Of the former, he says, "The laborer is worthy of his reward" (I Tim. v: 18). Of the other he speaks as a matter of grace and not of debt. But if we include these, does \$19 per member measure our ability or obligation to Him to whom we have promised to give our all? And we have not received this amount even from each member. There are nearly three hundred ministers in the Synod, who, as a class, give at least as liberally as the rest of the Church. There is a large constituency outside of the Church contributing to its support. Making such allowances as these, we can appreciate how far we fall below the tithe promised in the very infancy of the Church by the patriarch Jacob. Does it not seem as if what the Apostle said of the Hebrews was true of us? "Ye are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat, for every one that useth milk is unskillful in the Word of righteousness, for he is a babe" (Heb. v: 12, 13).

The following table shows the amount given by Synod to each of the Boards and the amount received from each:

	CONTRIBUTED BY SYNOD.		EXPENDED IN SYNOD.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Home Missions.....	\$18,796	\$18,413	\$6,916	\$5,404
Foreign Missions.....	21,777	22,947	...	...
Education.....	4,850	3,686	3,796	4,050
Publication.....	3,180	2,892	994	1,096
Church Erection.....	7,404	4,422	19,044	3,600
Relief.....	5,286	5,763	4,500	3,940
Freedmen	3,059	2,864	...	...
Sustentation.....	2,128	1,833	1,486	1,002
Total	\$66,480	\$62,820	\$36,736	\$19,092

This table shows us that the Board of Home Missions has received \$383 less from us than last year; Church Erection, \$2,982 less; Freedmen, \$195 less; Sustentation, \$295 less; Publication, \$288 less; Education, \$1,164 less. The Board of Foreign Missions received \$1,170 more, and the Board of Ministerial Relief \$477 more. The excess of contributions over expenditures in Synod, for all the Boards, is \$43,728, being a gain, as compared with 1879, of \$17,644. We find that, while more was given to the eight objects of benevolence than last year by \$12,654, less than last year went to the Boards by \$3,660. We had the same fact to record in comparing last year with the previous one.

While, according to the minutes, we have increased our gifts to every object, except Home Missions, Sustentation and Church Erection, five of our Boards report that we have given them less than we did last year.

In the matter of *collecting for all the objects* recommended by the Church, there has been an improvement.

	CHURCHES.		FULL COL.		BLANKS.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Corisco	3	5	3	4	0	8— 8 inc.
New Brunswick.....	33	33	33	30	0	10—10 inc.
Monmouth	41	42	25	27	81	73— 8 dec.
Newton	34	34	19	30	51	19—32 dec.
Morris and Orange...	38	38	18	22	84	73—11 dec.
Newark.....	22	23	7	7	41	36— 5 dec.
Elizabeth	31	31	13	14	46	30—16 dec.
Jersey City.....	26	27	7	8	86	94— 8 inc.
West Jersey.....	39	40	14	10	119	132—13 inc.
	267	273	139	152	508	475 39 inc. 72 dec.

There should have been, in 1879, 2,136 collections; there were only 1,628, 508 being blank. In 1880 there ought to have been, from all the Churches, 2,184; there were 1,709, 475 omitted. The blanks decreased 33, while the Churches increased 6. In 1879, Corisco and New Brunswick had all the columns full; 1880 none had. The blanks increased in Corisco, New Brunswick, Jersey City and West Jersey. The largest decrease was 32 in Newton; next, in Morris and Orange, 11. In 1879, 26 omitted Home Missions, and the same number in 1880. In 1879, 30 omitted Foreign Missions; in 1880, 29. The improvement is not very marked, when we consider that the omissions are more than one-fifth of the requirements.

In *methods of work*, the committees in the Presbyteries have followed the same plans as heretofore for instructing and stimulating the

Churches. Circulars have been sent out, reports have been made at the regular meetings of the lower courts, Churches not contributing have been written to.

From the Newton Presbytery we learn "a good degree of interest is shown in the cause in our hands. Things are better with us than they have been, and we may hope for advancement henceforth."

From Monmouth: "Apparently we are losing ground. The number of blanks slightly increases; but this is owing to new Churches organized lately. If these were left out it would appear that we are reducing the blanks. We are alive to the fact that it is of the utmost importance to have new Churches begin right, and we are doing what we can to secure this. As soon as they get settled they will be urged to begin the good work. The women surprised themselves. They were making strenuous exertions to reach \$1,000, and they reported over \$1,600."

The chairman of Elizabeth writes, in reply to a question as to whether the Churches had systematic plans: "If by 'systematic plan' you mean 'weekly offerings,' then I must report a decline in this respect in this Presbytery. Our Churches prefer, in three cases out of five, the 'monthly offerings,' and the committee of the Presbytery supports their method."

From Jersey City we learn: "The committees on the Boards are exceedingly efficient, and the reports which are rendered, Spring and Fall, are very interesting."

New Brunswick, at its Spring meeting, recommended weekly giving as part of the regular Sabbath worship, and urged all its Pastors to collect for all the Boards. "The Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Societies," says their representative, "report decided progress. The Presbyterial Woman's Home Missionary Society gave *one-third* of all that was given by the Woman's Societies in our Synod the past year. *Five-elevenths* of all given by our Presbytery to missionary purposes the past year was given by the Ladies."

In New Brunswick, West Jersey, and Morris and Orange, and possibly in other Presbyteries, also, Churches not contributing to all the Boards have been asked the reasons for their omissions.

In closing, we desire to express our growing conviction of the importance of the work, and, in view of the facts presented, our sorrow at the slowness of the progress made. At the present rate it will take as long to build up the Presbyterian Church and this Synod to perfection in this grace, as it has to complete Cologne Cathedral. Six hundred and thirty years that work was going on. Yet we should be as patient with the Lord's work as human builders are, and we know that in His own good time He can and will cause the top-stone to be

laid with shoutings of "Grace, grace unto it." We believe that this cause will be prospered as individual Churches and individual members adopt Scriptural views and methods of giving. The great responsibility rests therefore with Pastors and Sessions. Said a Pastor to your Chairman lately: "One of my elders said to me the other day, 'Is it not time that you preached to us again on giving?' 'I was just thinking of doing so.' was the reply." Happy would the Church be, and rapidly would the cause advance if every elder was ready to make such suggestions, and every Pastor as ready to comply.

We recommend simply this practical action:

1. In view of the slow progress made in Systematic Beneficence, Synod recommends to Pastors and Sessions to give constant attention to the subject in every proper manner.

2. It urges upon all the Churches to adopt some plan of systematic giving, and recommends that of weekly offerings as a part of worship as most consistent with the Word of God.

3. It directs the Committee on Systematic Beneficence to issue a circular to all the Churches, showing what the Synod has done the first year, and containing these recommendations.

What we most need in this matter is the help of God's Spirit to cause His people to consecrate themselves fully to Christ. When "Holiness to the Lord" is "written on the bells of the horses," the work of Committees on Systematic Beneficence will be done. Then can the scaffolding of the cathedral be taken down. "May the Lord hasten it in His time!"

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

I. W. COCHRAN, Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD, Presbytery of Newark.

H. M. BOOTH, Presbytery of Jersey City.

W. H. RHOBERTS, " Elizabeth.

W. A. HOLLIDAY, " Newton.

J. G. SYMMES, " Monmouth.

G. L. SMITH, " West Jersey.

W. A. BROOKS, " New Brunswick.

GEO. W. SNOW, " Morris and Orange.

VII.—UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES.

The Committee of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Synod of New Jersey, to whom, within the bounds of the State, this subject has been committed, deem the following of sufficient interest to be brought before the Churches :

During six years the Synod of New Jersey has pursued the plan recommended by the General Assembly of 1873 in regard to unemployed ministers and vacant Churches. The Synod's Committee at its meeting in June received reports from the eight* Presbyteries in New Jersey. Absolute accuracy is impossible, and owing to subsequent changes there will be some discrepancies.

A summary of these reports may be found in the following table :

MINISTERS CLASSIFIED.	IN 1880.	AVERAGE OF SIX YEARS.
The honorably retired.....	28	27 $\frac{2}{3}$
In evangelistic work.....	256	242 $\frac{2}{3}$
In educational work	34	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
In general work.....	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
The actively employed.....	299	288
Able to preach occasionally.....	11	14 $\frac{2}{3}$
Engaged in secular business	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Unemployed and desire work.....	20	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
The <i>not</i> actively employed.....	34	40 $\frac{1}{3}$

Adding together the honorably retired (28), and the actively employed (299), and the not actively employed (34), we find a total of 361 Presbyterian ministers in New Jersey.

In the evangelistic work are included two hundred and one pastors or pastors-elect ; twenty-eight stated supplies ; eighteen evangelists and nine foreign missionaries ; total, 256.

In the educational work are nineteen presidents and professors of colleges or of theological seminaries ; nine principals of academies and six teachers ; total, 34.

In the general work are seven secretaries and agents of benevolent societies and two editors ; total, 9.

A comparison of the reports for six years, shows that while the honorably retired remain about the same, those engaged in evangelistic

*The Presbytery of Corisco, in Africa, is attached to the Synod of New Jersey, and in 1879 reported five ministers and two Churches. They are not included in the above statements.

work, and the total of the actively employed, have increased; and that those who are occupied in secular affairs, and those not actively and not fully employed in the ministry, have diminished; and that the latter are not so numerous as many have supposed, being less than one-tenth of the whole number of ministers. These reports therefore indicate a careful supervision by the Presbyteries over Ministers, vacant Churches and Licentiates.

The Presbyteries report twelve Licentiates employed and seven unemployed; total 19.

In regard to Churches, the stated clerks report that two hundred and six have pastors or pastors-elect; thirty-eight have stated supplies, and twenty-four Churches are vacant; making a total of 268 Churches in the State.

Three Presbyteries, viz., Morris and Orange, Elizabeth and Newark, report no vacant Churches. Morris and Orange has thirty-one pastors and seven stated supplies; Elizabeth has twenty-nine pastors and only two stated supplies; Newark Presbytery has twenty-three pastors and no stated supplies.

Later information warrants the committee in saying that the vacancies are now only eighteen. A few Churches are statedly supplied by theological students, and (if technically vacant) are not open to candidates.

Of these eighteen Churches vacant, only five offer a salary of about one thousand dollars; six offer from six to eight hundred dollars; the remaining seven give little or nothing, and cannot sustain a settled ministry without liberal aid. The vacancies are not more numerous than may be expected at any one time under the Presbyterian system, and the stronger Churches do not lack candidates.

If there are only eleven vacant Churches which can pay from six to ten hundred dollars a year, and if the unemployed ministers within the Synod are more numerous than the vacancies, some of them as candidates must be disappointed; and what shall they do, who, on account of climate or for other reasons, seek to enter New Jersey from other Synods? Either the unemployed must go to other fields where the demand for laborers is greater than the supply, or more than usual Presbyterian authority and liberality must be exercised to appoint them labor, and to provide for their support.

ROBERT AIKMAN,
Chairman of Synodical Committee.

VIII.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I. PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

Number of Ministers	6
“ Churches	5
“ Licentiates.....	3
“ Candidates	7
“ Church Members.....	350

Nov. —, 1879. Organized the Ogove Church, with seven members.
 Dec. 10th, 1879. Rev. Albert Bushnell, D.D., died of pneumonia, at
 Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, in the sixty-
 second year of his age.

July —, 1880. Received the Rev. Arthur Marling, from the Pres-
 bytery of New Brunswick.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. NASSAU, *Stated Clerk*.

II. PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Presbytery respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of fifty-two
 Ministers, and has under its care thirty-one Churches, two Licentiates
 and six Candidates. Presbytery further reports, that on

Oct. 31st, 1879. Ordained Charles E. Cunningham to the office of
 the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of
 the Madison Avenue Church, in the city of Eliz-
 abeth.

April 20th, 1880. Received the Rev. Dwight M. Seward, D.D., from
 the Presbytery of Westchester, and, on the 17th
 of June, installed him Pastor of the Church and
 Congregation of New Providence.

April 21st, 1880. Licensed John F. Williamson to preach the Gospel.

June 5th, 1880. The Rev. William G. E. Agnew departed this life, in
 the seventy-sixth year of his age.

June 21st, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Theo-
 dore S. Brown, with the Church and Congregation
 of Dunellen, and, on the 6th of October, dismissed
 Mr. Brown to the Classis of Rensselaer, New York.

Oct. 5th, 1880. Received the Rev. David Stevenson, from the Pres-
 bytery of Newton, and arranged for his installa-
 tion over the Church and Congregation of Perth
 Amboy.

- Oct. 5th, 1880. Dismissed the Rev. Charles Milne to the Presbytery of Newark.
- Oct. 6th, 1880. Licensed Mr. Joseph R. Milligan to preach the Gospel.
- Oct. 6th, 1880. Received the Rev. Alexander Miller, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and arranged for his installation over the Church and Congregation of Dunellen.

By order of Presbytery,

JOHN C. RANKIN, *Stated Clerk.*

III. PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Number of Ministers	35
“ Churches.....	27
“ Licentiates	2
“ Candidates	2

- April 20th, 1880. Licensed Mr. Adolos Allen to preach the Gospel.
- July 6th, 1880. Received Mr. Joshua B. Galaway, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of New York.
- Oct. 28th, 1879. Ordained Mr. Willard Scott as an Evangelist.
- July 13th, 1880. Ordained and installed Mr. Joshua B. Galaway as Pastor of the Third Church of Paterson.
- Jan. 22d, 1880. Received Rev. Addison K. Strong, D.D., from the Presbytery of Lyons.
- April 20th, 1880. Received Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.
- July 6th, 1880. Received Rev. Justin E. Abbott, from the Congregational Church.
- Jan. 22d, 1880. Installed Rev. Addison K. Strong, D.D., as Pastor of the Church of Hoboken.
- May 10th, 1880. Installed Rev. Israel W. Hathaway as Pastor of the Westminster Church of Jersey City.
- April 20th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Samuel M. Jackson to the Church of Norwood.
- Sept. 5th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John P. Hale to the Church of Claremont, Jersey City.
- Oct. 15th, 1879. Dismissed the Rev. John Reid to the Presbytery of West Chester.
- Nov. 9th, 1880. Dismissed the Rev. Willard Scott to the Presbytery of West Chester.

- April 30th, 1880. Dismissed the Rev. Edward C. Hood to the Norfolk Association of Congregational Ministers.
- Oct. 5th, 1880. Dismissed the Rev. Samuel M. Jackson to the Presbytery of New York.
- May 31st, 1880. The Rev. William H. Megie departed this life, in his sixty-third year.

By order of Presbytery,

EDWIN A. BULKLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

IV. PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Number of Ministers.....	41
“ Churches.....	42
“ Candidates.....	2
“ Licentiates.....	1
Oct. 22d, 1879.	Received Rev. John E. Peters, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.
March 4th, 1880.	Received Rev. G. Howard Duffield, from the Presbytery of Westminster.
March 4th, 1880.	Installed Rev. G. Howard Duffield as Pastor of the Church of Beverly.
April 13th, 1880.	Received Rev. Joseph H. Bradley, from the Presbytery of New York.
April 13th, 1880.	Licensed Mr. Charles Everitt as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry.
April 13th, 1880.	Dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. George Warrington to the Church of Manalapan.
May 13d, 1880.	Dismissed the Rev. George Warrington to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, of the United Presbyterian Church.
June 30th, 1880.	Rev. Henry Perkins, D.D., died, in the eighty-third year of his age.
July 29th, 1880.	Received Mr. James C. Elliott, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Shenango.
July 29th, 1880.	Ordained Mr. J. C. Elliott and installed him Pastor of the Church of Keyport.
Sept. 6th, 1880.	Received Mr. David Laughlin, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.
Sept. 6th, 1880.	Ordained Mr. David Laughlin and installed him Pastor of the Church of Manalapan.
Oct. 6th, 1880.	Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. C. F. Worrell, D.D., to the Church of Squan Village.

Oct. 6th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John Hancock to the Church of Toms River.

By order of Presbytery,

J. B. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk*.

V. PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange consists of forty-four Ministers, and has under its care thirty-eight Churches and two Candidates.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Received Rev. James M. Bruen, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

June 25th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Titus E. Davis to the Church of Fairmount.

July 7th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Frank J. Mundy to the Church of Stirling, and gave him a letter to connect himself with the Congregational Association of Hampton.

Sept. 21st, 1880. Received Rev. John Jay Crane, from the Presbytery of Newton.

Sept. 22d, 1880. Dismissed Rev. Julius L. Danner and recommended him to the Presbytery of Westchester.

DEATHS.

Feb. 15th, 1880. In the sixty-fifth year of his age, Rev. Charles C. Parker, D.D.

May 16th, 1880. In the seventy-third year of his age, Rev. Daniel Elston Megie.

June 28th, 1880. In his seventy-third year, Rev. James C. Edwards.
B. C. MEGIE, *Stated Clerk*.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick reports to the Synod of New Jersey that it consists of sixty-five (65) Ministers, and has under its care thirty-three (33) Churches, five (5) Licentiates and sixteen (16) Candidates.

It would further report :

I. MINISTER RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER PRESBYTERY.

Jan. 20th, 1880. Rev. Wm. J. McKnight, D.D., from Presbytery of Dayton.

II. MINISTER RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION.

March 30th, 1880. Rev. Henry D. Kutz, from Central Association of Congregational Churches, State of New York.

III. MINISTERS DISMISSED TO OTHER PRESBYTERIES.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Rev. Wm. P. Patterson, to Presbytery of Chester.
 Dec. 31st, 1879. Rev. I. V. W. Schenck, to Presbytery of Philadelphia.
 March 31st, 1880. Rev. Arthur Wodehouse Marling, to Presbytery of Corisco.
 April 14th, 1880. Rev. Henry D. Kutz, to Presbytery of New York.
 Sept. 16th, 1880. Rev. Thos. Nichols, to Presbytery of Lackawanna.
 Oct. 5th, 1880. Rev. Alexander Miller, to Presbytery of Elizabeth.

IV. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Rev. Wm. P. Patterson, with Church at Titusville.
 Dec. 31st, 1879. Rev. I. V. W. Schenck, with Church at Hamilton Square.
 April 13th, 1880. Rev. Joseph W. Porter, with Fifth Church, Trenton.
 July 6th, 1880. Rev. John H. Scofield, with Church at Kingston.
 Oct. 5th, 1880. Rev. Alexander Miller, with Kirkpatrick Memorial Church.

V. PASTORAL RELATION CONSTITUTED BY INSTALLATION.

Jan. 26th, 1880. Rev. Wm. J. McKnight, D.D., with New Brunswick First Church.

VI. ORDINATION ONLY.

March 31st, 1880. Arthur Wodehouse Marling.

VII. ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

July 6th, 1880. Samuel J. Rowland, and installed Pastor of Dayton Church.
 July 8th, 1880. William Luke Cunningham, and installed Pastor of Hamilton Square Church.
 Oct. 6th, 1880. Sylvanus R. Queen, and installed Pastor Titusville Church.

VIII. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON CERTIFICATES.

March 30th, 1880. Charles L. Cooder, from Presbytery of Wooster.
 April 14th, 1880. William Luke Cunningham, from Presbytery of Sidney.

IX. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

Oct.	23d, 1879.	Melancthon W. Jacobus.
March	30th, 1880.	James Luther Leeper.
March	30th, 1880.	Arthur Wodehouse Marling.
March	30th, 1880.	John Andrew Cairns.
Oct.	5th, 1880.	Donald Morrison.
Oct.	5th, 1880.	Thomas C. Beatty.
Oct.	5th, 1880.	William Hoppaugh.

X. LICENSURES.

March	31st, 1880.	Willis Bishop Skillman.
March	31st, 1880.	Samuel James Rowland.
March	31st, 1880.	William H. Woolverton.
March	31st, 1880.	Andreas C. Zenos.
March	31st, 1880.	Charles L. Cooder.
March	31st, 1880.	Arthur Wodehouse Marling.
March	31st, 1880.	Sylvanus R. Queen.
April	14th, 1880.	William Luke Cunningham.

XI. CANDIDATES DISMISSED.

June	5th, 1880.	Robert McCheyne Mateer, to Presbytery of Carlisle.
July	22d, 1880.	Preston Barr, to Presbytery of Kittanning.

XII. LICENTIATE DISMISSED.

May	31st, 1880.	Thomas M. Findley, to Presbytery of Des Moines.
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XIII. NAME OF LICENTIATE DROPPED FROM THE ROLL—LICENSE EXPIRING BY LIMITATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

March	31st, 1880.	John Joseph Casey.
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XIV. CERTIFICATE RETURNED.

July	6th, 1880.	Rev. Henry D. Kutz, to Presbytery of New York, and his name re-enrolled.
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XV. MINISTER DECEASED.

Rev. David M. Smith, at Princeton, July 15th, 1880, in the ninety-first year of his age.

Forwarded to Stated Clerk of Synod by order of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Attest: A. L. ARMSTRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

DUTCH NECK, N. J., October 7th, 1880.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

The Presbytery of Newton reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that it consists of thirty-two Ministers, and has under its care thirty-four Churches, two Licentiates and two Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

It further reports the following:

I. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

April	15th, 1880.	Rev. John Jay Crane, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
July	31st, 1880.	Rev. Samuel E. Webster, to the Presbytery of Northumberland.
Sept.	7th, 1880.	Rev. David Stevenson, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.
Oct.	6th, 1880.	Rev. James W. Hawkes, to the Presbytery of Oroomiah.

II. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

April	14th, 1880.	Rev. John Jay Crane, with the Church of Stanhope.
April	14th, 1880.	Rev. J. Addison Priest, D.D., with the Church of Newton.
June	25th, 1880.	Rev. James M. Maxwell, with the Second Church of Belvidere.
July	31st, 1880.	Rev. Samuel E. Webster, with the Church of Washington.

III. INSTALLATIONS.

Oct.	14th, 1879.	Rev. John C. Clyde, Pastor of the Church of Bloomsbury.
May	19th, 1880.	Rev. Thomas Tyack, Pastor of the Church of Sparta.

IV. CANDIDATE RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

Oct.	6th, 1880.	Mr. William Harrison Decker.
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V. CANDIDATE LICENSED.

April	15th, 1880.	Mr. James W. Hawkes.
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VI. NAME OF CANDIDATES DROPPED FROM THE ROLL.

April	13th, 1880.	Mr. J. Harvey Gulick, having sought and obtained ordination from a Council of the Congregational Church without taking his dismissal.
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Oct. 6th, 1880. Mr. Samuel H. Bast, at his own request, on the ground of Providential hindrances to his further preparation for the work of the ministry.

VII. LICENTIATE DISMISSED.

Oct. 21st, 1880. Mr. Clearfield Park, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

VIII. ORDINATION.

June 27th, 1880. Mr. James W. Hawkes, as an Evangelist, with a view to labor as a Foreign Missionary in Persia.

By order of the Presbytery,

E. CLARKE CLINE, *Stated Clerk*.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Number of Ministers.....	47
“ Churches	23
“ Candidates	27
“ Licentiates	9

I. DISMISSED.

Feb. 3d, 1880. Rev. Lucius H. Baldwin, to the Presbytery of Orange, North Carolina.

Sept. 2d, 1880. Rev. Henry Weber, to the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Oct. 6th, 1880. Mr. Carl H. Schwartzbach, a Licentiate, to the North Classis of Long Island.

II. LICENSED.

Feb. 3d, 1880. Messrs. Charles A. Brewster, John J. Rankin and John C. Guenther.

June 8th, 1880. Messrs. John W. Bischoff, Henry Unglaub and Carl H. Schwartzbach.

III. ORDAINED.

April 14th, 1880. John C. Guenther, as an Evangelist.

June 17th, 1880. Charles A. Brewster, “

Oct. 13th, 1880. Hollis B. Frissell, “

IV. CHURCH ORGANIZED.

April 9th, 1880. Bethany Church, Newark.

V. INSTALLED.

April 18th, 1880. Rev. John L. Wells, as Pastor of the Bethany Church.

VI. RECEIVED.

Oct. 6th, 1880. Rev. Charles Milne, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

VII. CANDIDATES RECEIVED.

Feb. 3d, 1880. Messrs. Wm. A. Muss and Frederick Rutan.

Oct. 6th, 1880. Messrs. Arnold W. Frismer, John G. Wentzenberger.

Oct. 13th, 1880. Mr. John G. Hehr.

By order of Presbytery,

WM. T. FINDLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

IX. PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Ministers.....	37
Churches.....	40
Licentiate.....	1
Candidates.....	5

Nov. 19th, 1879. Ordained and installed, at Millville, the Rev. Clearfield Park.

Nov. 19th, 1879. Ordained (*sine titulo*) Rev. William H. Johns.

Nov. 24th, 1879. Organized the Church of Elmer.

April 20th, 1880. Licensed Mr. John F. Sheppard to preach the Gospel.

April 20th, 1880. Received Rev. A. P. Johnson, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

April 20th, 1880. Dismissed Rev. W. G. Frackelton, to the Presbytery of Belfast.

April 21st, 1880. Dismissed Rev. Henry M. Kellogg, to the Presbytery of Boston.

May 6th, 1880. Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Edward P. Heberton and the Church of Deerfield, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.

By order of Presbytery,

EDWARD P. SHIELDS, *Stated Clerk.*

IX.—STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

- I.—The Synod shall meet annually, on the third Tuesday of October, at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.
- II.—The Stated Clerk shall cause a notice of the time and place of meeting to be published in the religious papers most current in the Synod, at least three weeks prior to the time of meeting.
- III.—The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk who shall also be Treasurer, an Enrollment Clerk and a Temporary Clerk.
- IV.—The Moderator and Temporary Clerk shall be elected annually; the Enrollment Clerk and the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall hold office during the pleasure of the Synod.
- V.—The election of officers shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered.
- VI.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to lay on the Moderator's table, at the opening of Synod, a docket of business; to make and preserve a correct transcript of the proceedings of Synod; to file and preserve all important papers coming into possession of Synod; to furnish certified copies of minutes to those properly entitled to them; to conduct the correspondence of the Synod; to transmit to the General Assembly the Statistical Report, a copy of the Narrative and the records of Synod. Under his direction, the minutes of the annual meeting of the Synod shall be published and a copy sent to every Minister and to the Session of each vacant Church.
- VII.—The Enrollment Clerk shall prepare a Roll of Synod before the opening. To enable him to do this, all members shall report themselves to him on arrival at the place of meeting. The Enrollment Clerk shall also have charge of the whole subject of Absentecism. To him reasons for absence or late attendance shall be given, and of him permission to leave shall be obtained.
- VIII.—The Temporary Clerk shall make the minutes of the proceedings from day to day, and deliver them to the Stated Clerk, on the adjournment of Synod.
- IX.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Synod and render an itemized account at each annual meeting.

COMMITTEES.

X.—The Committees of Synod shall be divided into three classes, viz.: Standing, Permanent and Special.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The STANDING COMMITTEES, to be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting, shall be as follows:

1. On BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, three Ruling Elders.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, seven members—four Ministers, three Ruling Elders.

3. On RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

4. On MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

5. On NARRATIVE, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

6. On FINANCE, two Ruling Elders.

7. COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

XII.—The Committee on Finance shall audit the Treasurer's accounts and apportion to the Presbyteries the amount required for contingent expenses.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

XIII.—The PERMANENT COMMITTEES of the Synod shall be as follows:

1. On HOME MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

2. On FOREIGN MISSIONS, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

3. On EDUCATION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

4. On PUBLICATION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

5. On CHURCH ERECTION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

6. On FREEDMEN, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

7. On MINISTERIAL RELIEF, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

8. On SABBATH SCHOOL WORK, three Members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

9. On SABBATH OBSERVANCE, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

10. On TEMPERANCE, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

11. On UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

12. On NECROLOGY, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

13. On CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF SYNOD, nine members—one from each Presbytery.

14. On SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE, nine members—one from each Presbytery.

XIV.—The Permanent Committees shall each report to Synod, annually, upon the matters assigned to them, and recommend suitable action to be taken by the Synod in relation thereto.

XV.—The Necrological Committee shall present, at the annual meeting, brief obituary notices of all Ministers of Synod who have deceased during the synodical year.

XVI.—Each Presbytery belonging to the Synod shall send a written Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds, to the Synod's Committee on Narrative, at least one week previous to the stated meeting of Synod.

XVII.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each stated meeting of the Synod, under the superintendence of the retiring Moderator or the Minister presiding in his place, immediately after the delivery of the opening sermon.

XVIII.—The last two hours of the afternoon session and the whole of the evening session of the second day of Synod's meeting shall be devoted to the subject of Benevolence and Church Work, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence shall co-operate with the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and speakers for the occasion.

XIX.—All notices of, or calls for, meetings of Presbyteries or Committees, and all resolutions, shall be in writing and read by the Clerk.

XX.—The Rules of Order of the General Assembly shall be the Rules of Synod so far as they apply.

XXI.—These rules may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote, but if notice of a proposed change has been given at a previous stated meeting, a majority may amend or repeal; and any one of these rules may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION.

REV. FRANK CHANDLER,

REV. SIMON J. MCPHERSON,

ELDER CHARLES A. DEWITT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D.D.,

REV. ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,

ELDER LEVI P. STONE.

EDUCATION.

REV. P. AUGUSTUS STUDDIFORD, D.D.,

REV. FREDERICK R. BRACE,

ELDER ASHBEL WELCH.

PUBLICATION.

REV. EDWARD P. SHIELDS,

REV. MARTIN F. HOLLISTER,

ELDER A. L. KELLEY.

CHURCH ERECTION.

REV. ELDRIDGE MIX, D.D.,

REV. JOHN A. LIGGETT,

ELDER JEREMIAH BAKER.

FREEDMEN.

REV. ALBERT ERDMAN,

REV. BENJAMIN T. PHILLIPS,

ELDER A. D. HOPE.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

REV. JOHN C. RANKIN, D.D.,

REV. WM. T. FINDLEY, D.D.,

ELDER D. M. STIGER.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

REV. ALEXANDER PROUDFIT,

REV. JOHN L. WELLS,

ELDER JOHN HILL.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

REV. SAMUEL MILLER, D.D.,

REV. ALLEN H. BROWN,

ELDER C. M. WOODRUFF.

TEMPERANCE.

REV. WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, D.D.,

REV. VILLEROY D. REED, D.D.,

ELDER THOMAS RYERSON, M.D.

UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES.

REV. ALLEN H. BROWN,

REV. HENRY B. TOWNSEND,

ELDER O. E. BOYD.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

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NECROLOGY.

REV. EDWARD W. FRENCH, D.D.,

REV. ALANSON A. HAINES,

ELDER S. H. PENNINGTON, M.D.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

REV. ROBERT AIKMAN, D.D.,

REV. HUGH SMYTHE,

REV. CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D.D.,

REV. ALFRED H. DASHIELL, JR.,

REV. ELIJAH R. CRAVEN, D.D.,

REV. ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,

REV. JOHN F. POLLOCK,

REV. LEWIS C. BAKER.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

REV. I. WILLIAMS COCHRANE,

REV. ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD,

REV. HENRY M. BOOTH, D.D.,

REV. WILLIAM H. RHOBERTS,

REV. WILLIAM A. HOLLIDAY,

REV. JOSEPH G. SYMMES, D.D.,

REV. GEORGE L. SMITH,

REV. WALTER A. BROOKS,

ELDER GEORGE W. SNOW.

MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth.....	Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown.	" Chas. K. Imbrie, D.D.	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield..	" Robert Aikman, D.D.	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton.....	" Samuel Miller, D.D.	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington	" J. H. McIlvaine, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden.....	" J. M. Macdonald, D.D.	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange.....	" Wm. C. Roberts, D.D.	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth.....	" Thomas McCauley....	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark.....	" E. Kempshall, D.D.	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown.	" Wm. Bannard, D.D.	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton.....	" A. Gosman, D.D.	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1880	Bridgeton....	" Chas. E. Knox, D.D.	Newark.



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